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Foundation Geology

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ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Mineral Data Sheet
A calculator
A ruler

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use gel pen or correction fluid.

You may use a pencil for graphs and diagrams only.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.

Answer **all** questions.

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The assessment of the quality of extended response (QER) will take place in questions **1** and **4**.

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Answer **all** questions.

1. **Figure 1a** shows the percentages of different elements that make up the crust.

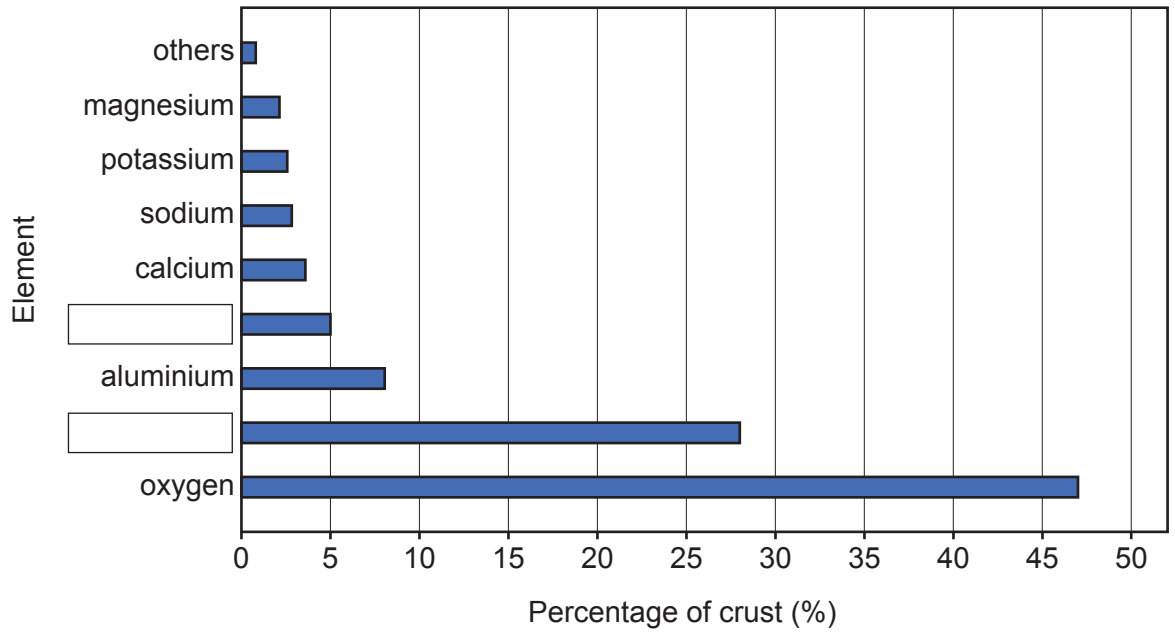


Figure 1a

(a) Complete the blank boxes in **Figure 1a** using **two** of the elements listed below. [2]

nickel iron silicon carbon hydrogen

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(b) Sedimentary rocks are derived from older rocks of the Earth's crust. **Figure 1b** shows photomicrographs of two sedimentary rocks, **A** and **B**.

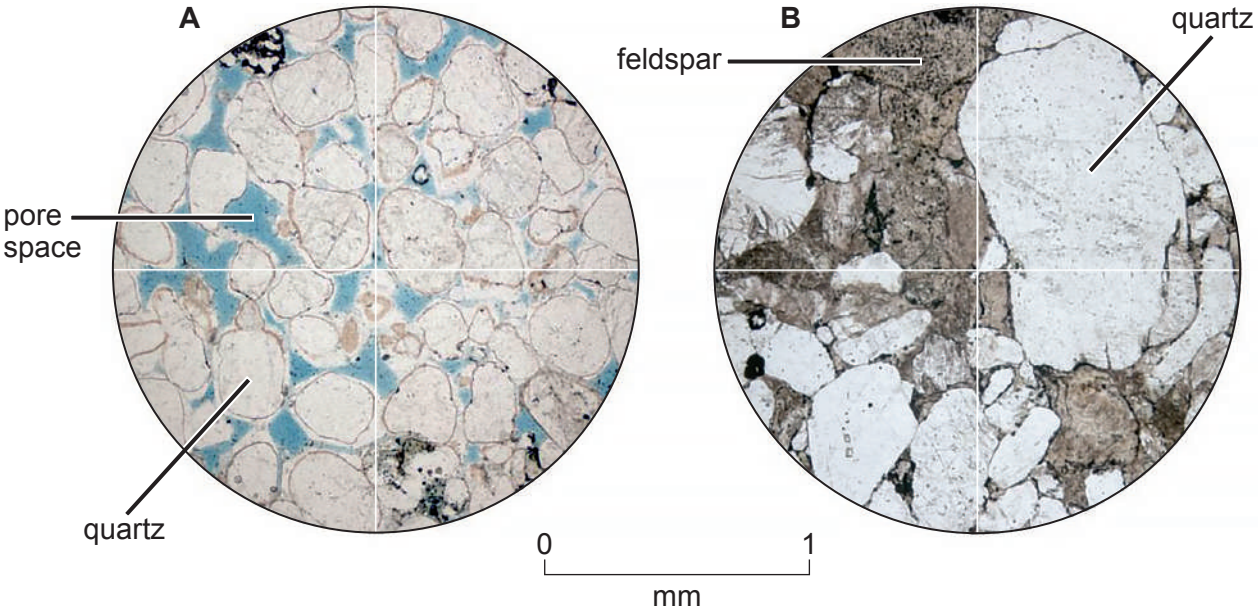


Figure 1b

(i) Name a rock from which rock **B** in **Figure 1b** could have been derived. [1]

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(ii) Compare the textures of the two sedimentary rocks shown in **Figure 1b**. [3]

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(c) (i) Explain the difference between porosity and permeability. [2]

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(ii) Refer to **Figure 1b**. Describe and explain the factors that affect the porosity and permeability of a sedimentary rock. [6 QER]

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2. **Figure 2** shows the time range and relative diversity of four types of cephalopod.

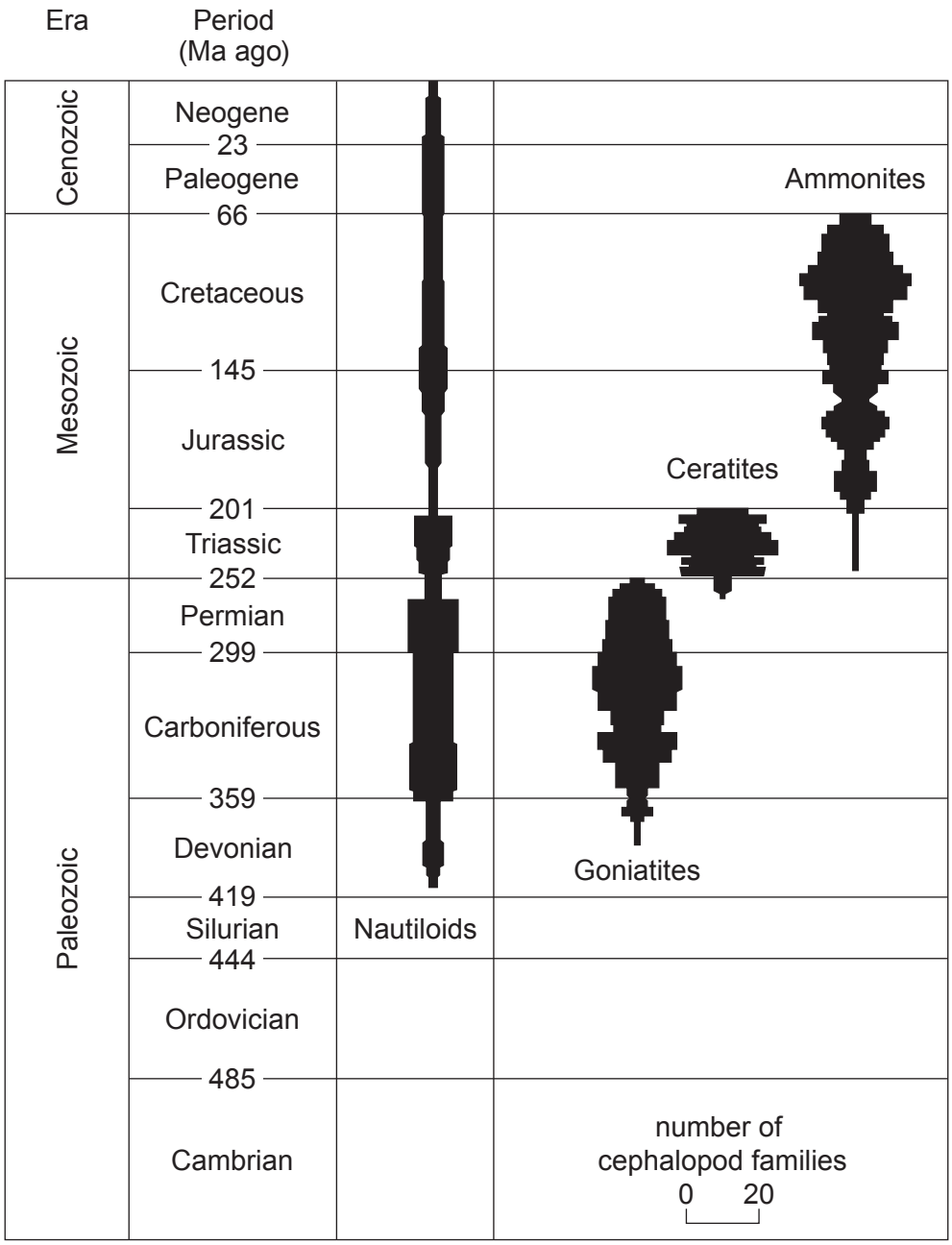


Figure 2

Refer to **Figure 2**.

(a) (i) State the duration of the Mesozoic era. [1]

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(ii) The age of the boundaries between geological periods on the geological column are calculated by radiometric dating. Explain how radiometric dating can determine the age of a rock. [3]

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(b) Some of the fossils in **Figure 2** can be used as zone fossils. State **three** key characteristics of a zone fossil. [3]

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(c) (i) State the name of the type of cephalopod which went extinct at the end of the Triassic period. [1]

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(ii) Evaluate how useful the fossils shown in **Figure 2** would be for the relative dating of rocks. [4]

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3. **Figure 3a** shows the distribution of selected mantle plume hot spots and plate boundaries. **Figure 3b** is a model showing the melting point curve of mantle peridotite, the normal geotherm through oceanic lithosphere and the geotherm at a mantle plume hot spot.

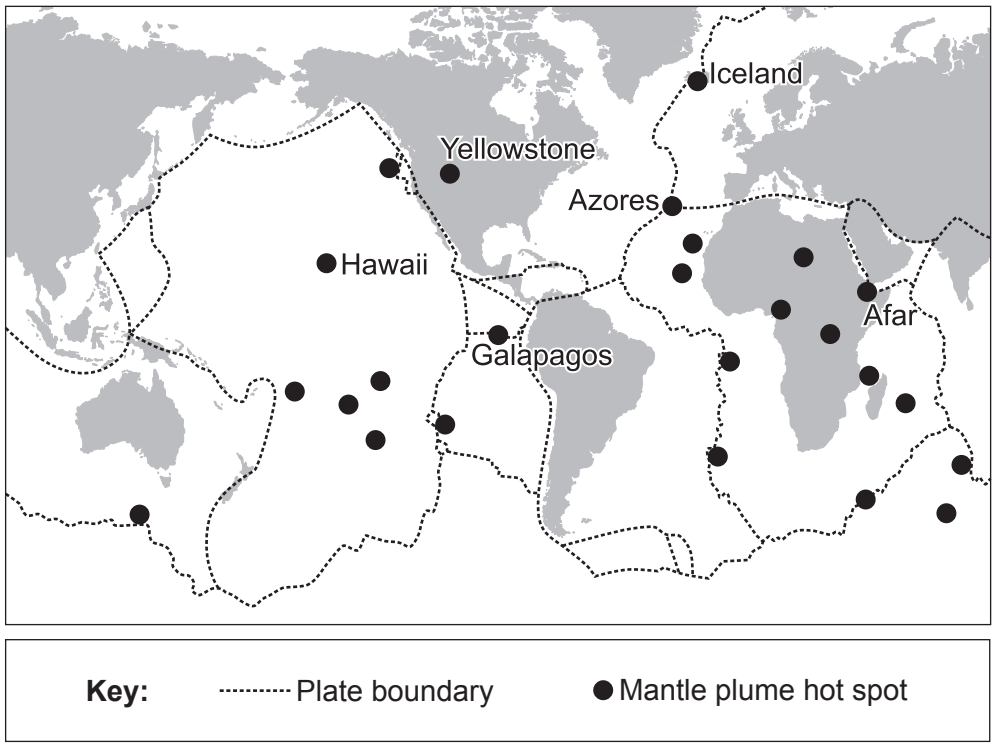


Figure 3a

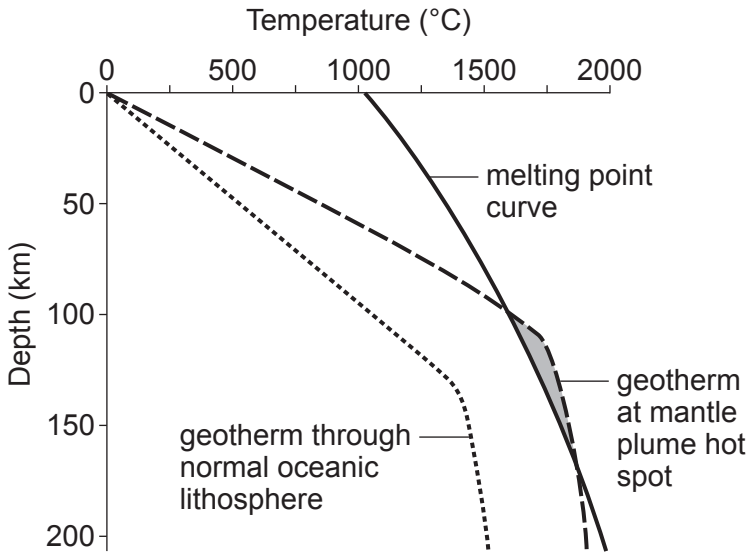


Figure 3b

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(a) (i) Refer to **Figure 3a**. Describe the correlation between the location of mantle plume hot spots and plate boundaries. [2]

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(ii) Refer to **Figure 3b**. Intraplate volcanoes may form at mantle plume hot spots. Explain how magma is formed at these locations. [3]

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(b) Mantle plumes can be identified by seismic tomography. **Figure 3c** is a seismic tomography cross-section beneath the area around the Hawaiian hot spot.
Figure 3d is a scatter graph of the age of volcanoes related to the Hawaiian hot spot and the distance from the active volcanism on Hawaii (Mt Kilauea).
Figure 3d also shows a map of the Hawaiian Island chain.

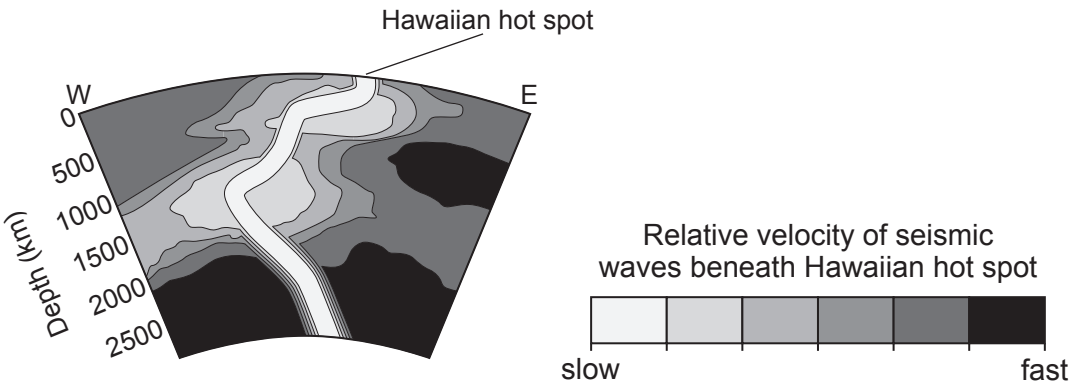


Figure 3c

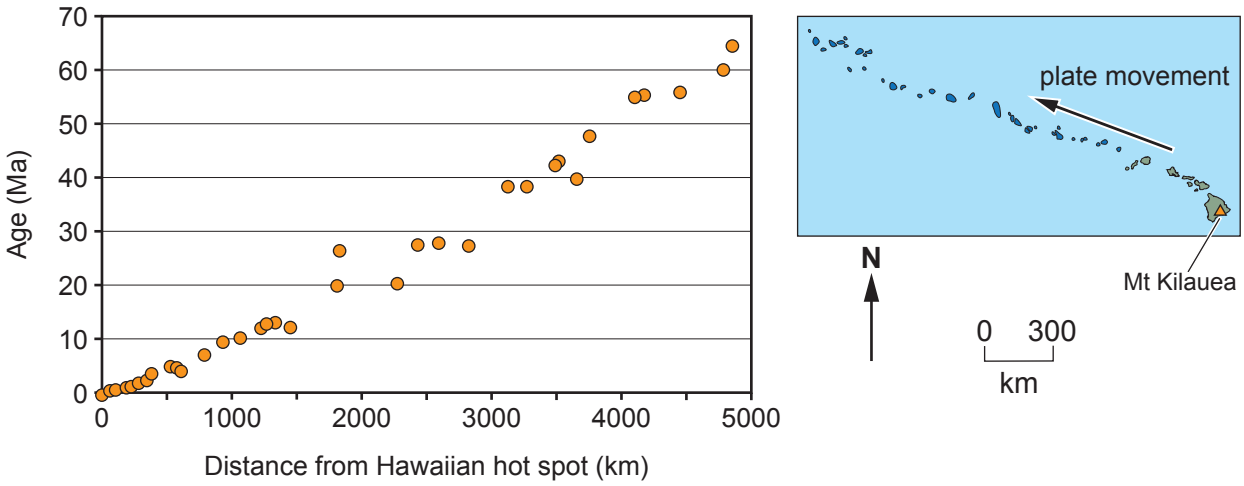


Figure 3d

(i) Explain how the seismic tomography data in **Figure 3c** can be used to confirm the presence of a mantle plume beneath Hawaii. [4]

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(ii) Use the data in **Figure 3d** to calculate the mean rate of plate movement over the past 60 million years. Show your working. [3]

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(iii) Using your knowledge, explain the use of magnetic anomalies to calculate the rate of plate movement. [3]

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(c) The mechanisms of plate movement are still a matter of debate. Using your knowledge, evaluate the contributions of ridge push and slab pull to plate movement. [3]

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4. **Figure 4a** is a photograph of a cliff with evidence of rock deformation.

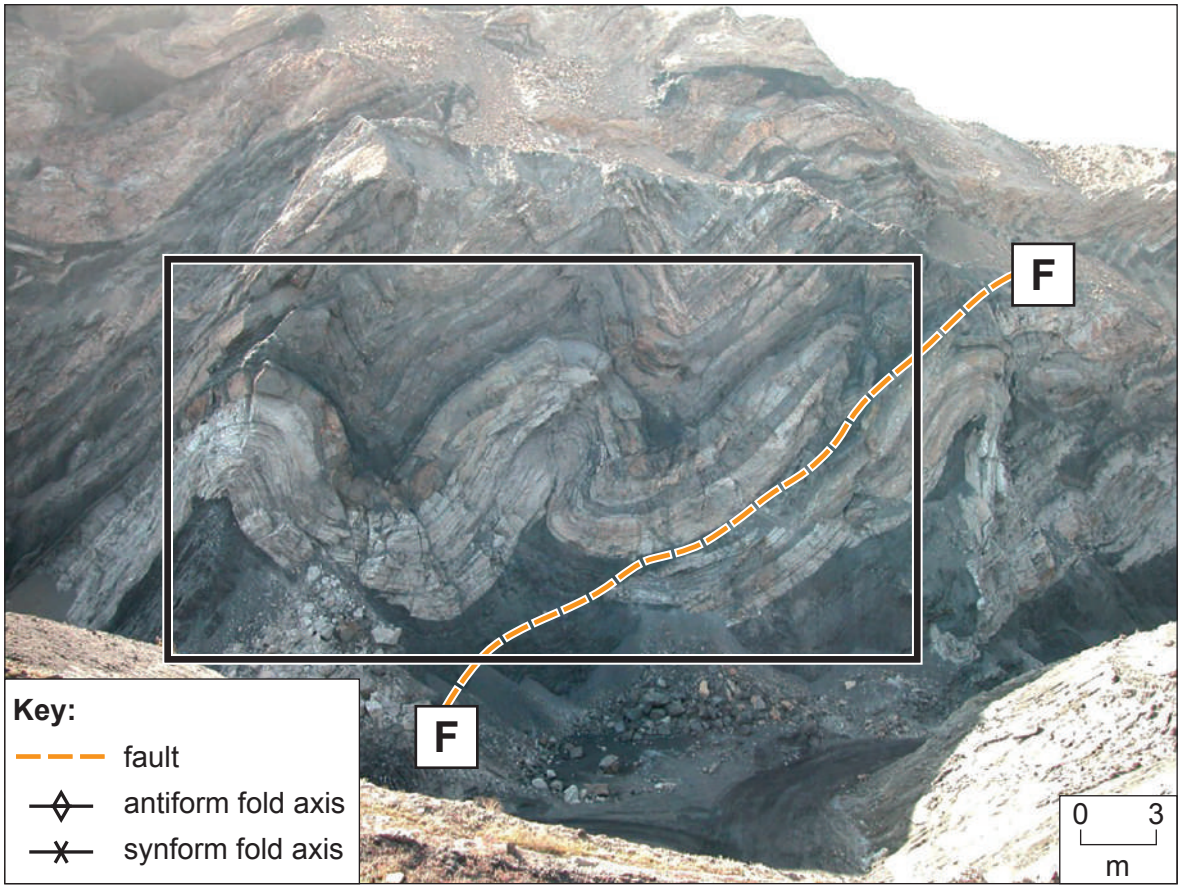


Figure 4a

(a) (i) Draw a sketch of the area in the box on **Figure 4a** in the space below. [3]

(ii) Draw **one** fold axis on your sketch with the correct symbol. [2]

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(b) A student stated that the folds in **Figure 4a** are all asymmetrical and have angular hinge shapes. Evaluate this statement. [3]

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(c) **Figure 4b** is a model showing the relationship between stress and strain when a rock is subjected to a compressive stress.

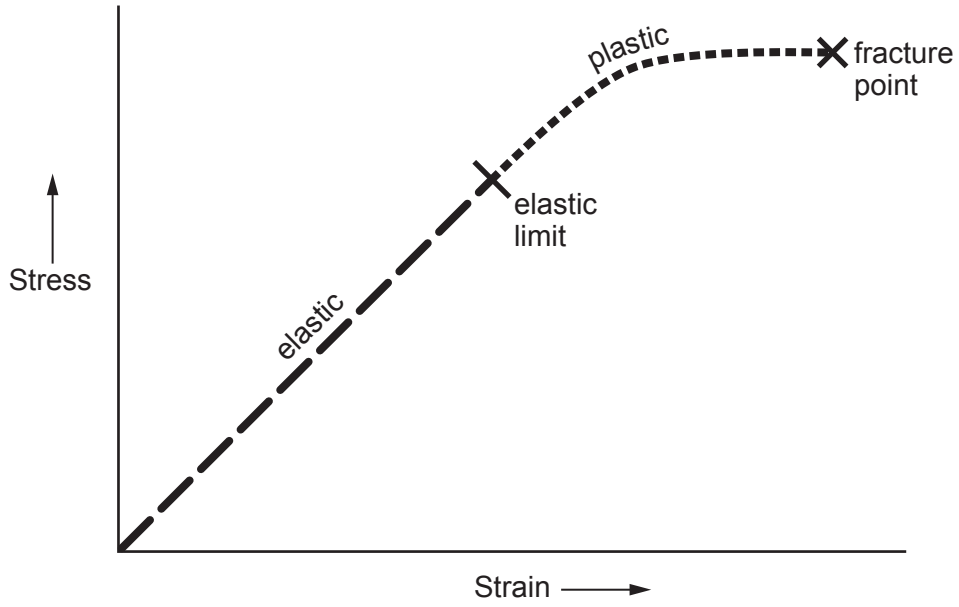


Figure 4b

(i) Define the terms stress and strain. [2]

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Strain: .....

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(ii) Suggest how the deformational history of the rock sequence in **Figure 4a** might be explained by the stress-strain graph in **Figure 4b**. [6 QER]

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5. **Figure 5** shows fossil **T**.

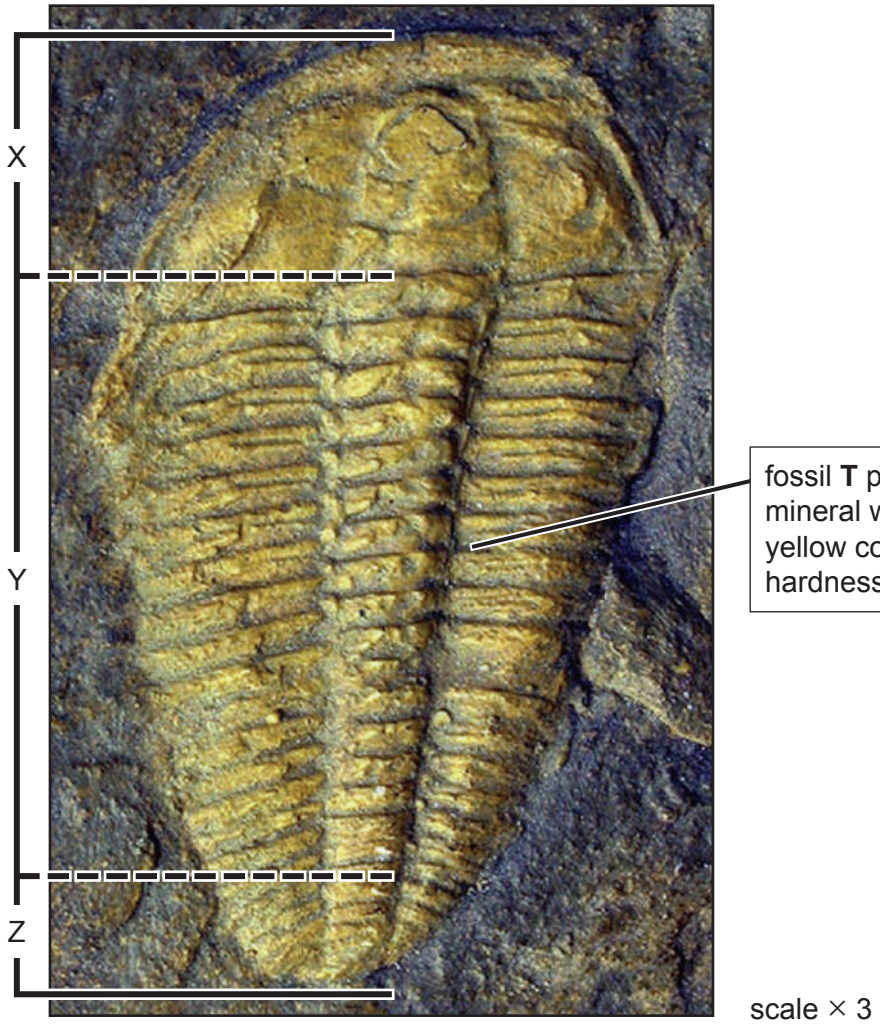


Figure 5

Refer to **Figure 5**.

(a) (i) State the name of the fossil group represented by fossil **T**. [1]

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(ii) Name morphological features X, Y and Z. [2]

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Y: .....

Z: .....

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(iii) Using the scale, calculate the actual length of fossil **T**. Show your working. [3]

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(b) A student stated that fossil **T** had a pelagic mode of life. Evaluate this statement. [3]

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(c) Fossil **T** is preserved as a brassy yellow mineral. Explain how this has happened. [3]

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6. **Figure 6a** shows the seismic layers of the oceanic lithosphere and two proposed models (**model 1** and **model 2**) used to explain these changes in seismic (P-wave) velocities. **Table 1** is an explanation of the two models in **Figure 6a**.

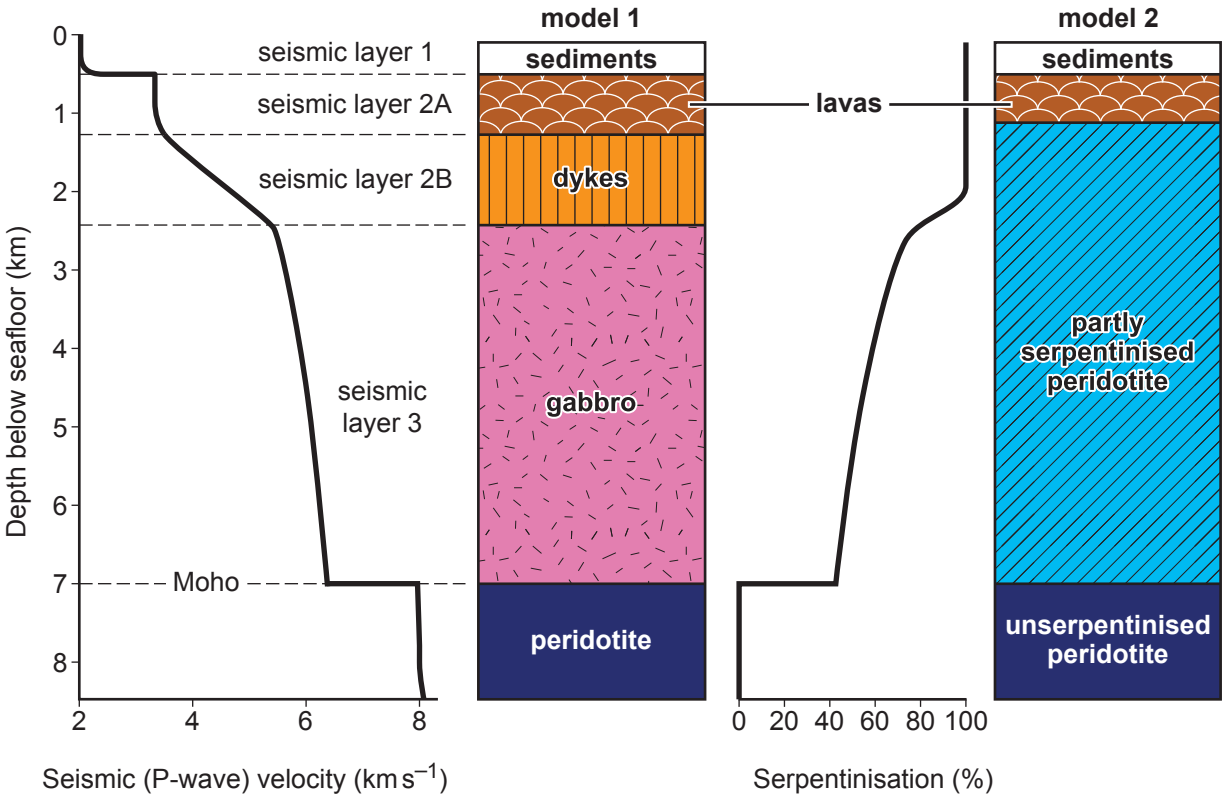


Figure 6a

Model 1 suggests that the seismic wave velocities reflect the differences in composition and physical properties of a layered oceanic crust.

An alternative model for slow-spreading ridges (**model 2**) suggests that seismic wave velocities depend upon the percentage of the mantle that has been altered from peridotite to serpentinite (serpentinisation).

Table 1

Refer to **Figure 6a**.

(a) (i) State the name of the rocks which are most likely to form the lavas and dykes of the oceanic crust. [2]

Lavas .....

Dykes .....

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(ii) With an arrow labelled **X** (⟵ **X**), label on **model 1** the most likely position of the boundary between the crust and mantle. [1]

(iii) Calculate the percentage increase in velocity of the P-waves from the surface to a depth of 6 km. Show your working. [3]

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(iv) Explain why the velocity of P-waves increase as they travel through the crust. [2]

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(v) The age and thickness of ocean sediments in **Figure 6a** varies across an ocean basin. Using your knowledge, describe how you would expect the age and thickness to vary. Explain your answer. [3]

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(b) **Figure 6b** is a photomicrograph of 70% serpentinised mantle peridotite as in **model 2** on **Figure 6a**.

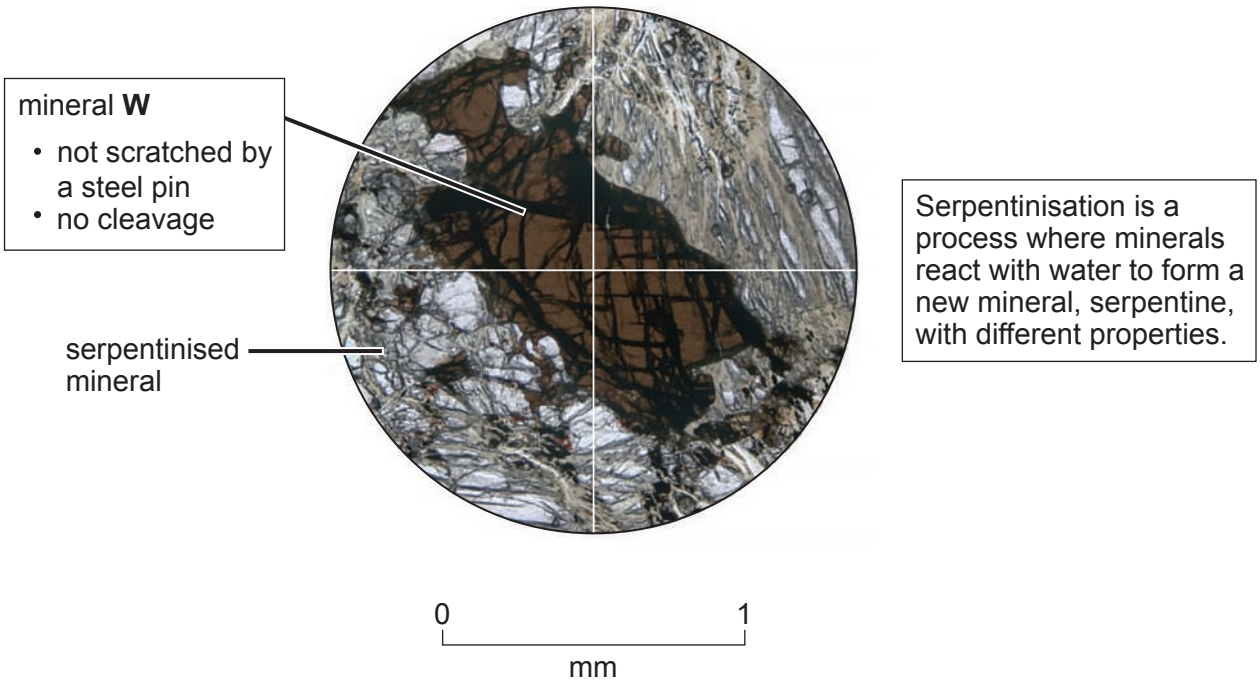


Figure 6b

(i) State the name of mineral **W**. You may wish to refer to the Mineral Data Sheet. [1]

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(ii) Refer to **Figure 6a**. Estimate the velocity at which P-waves would travel through the rock shown in **Figure 6b** which has been 70% serpentinised. [1]

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(iii) With an arrow labelled **Y** (⟵ **Y**), label on **model 2** the most likely position of the boundary between the crust and mantle. [1]

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(iv) Explain how **model 2** challenges our understanding of the cause of the Mohorovičić discontinuity (Moho). [2]

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(v) Describe how **model 1** or **model 2** in **Figure 6a** could be tested. Give a reason for your answer. [2]

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