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| 1(a)(i)  | $400 + 1800 + 57200 / 59400 (÷ 266000)$;  
$= 22.3/22 (%)$; | 2 |
| 1(a)(ii) | reference to valid building shape e.g. pyramid/conical shapes for buildings;  
materials used e.g. springs/rubber in buildings;  
reference to choice of where to build; | 3 |
| 1(a)(iii) | idea that on/near plate boundary/where plates meet;  
Indian plate moving towards Eurasian/plates move towards each other/reference convergent/destructive;  
reference subduction; | 3 |
| 1(b)     | any 2 of:  
hot rocks for heating/cooking;  
geothermal energy;  
precious stones;  
fertile soil/reference nutrients;  
income from tourism; | 2 |
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<td>2(a)(i)</td>
<td>A&lt;br&gt;C&lt;br&gt;B ;;&lt;br&gt;all 3 correct [2], 1 or 2 correct [1]</td>
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<td>2(a)(ii)</td>
<td>any 2 of:&lt;br&gt;timber (implied);&lt;br&gt;settlements e.g. houses, schools, parks, hospitals, dams, hotels, mines, factories;&lt;br&gt;roads, rails, airports;</td>
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<td>2(a)(iii)</td>
<td>soil exposed to elements;&lt;br&gt;increased loss of water from soil (due to evaporation);&lt;br&gt;dries soil;&lt;br&gt;reduced rainfall;&lt;br&gt;ref increased wind erosion;&lt;br&gt;reduced interception;&lt;br&gt;increases runoff;&lt;br&gt;which washes soil away;&lt;br&gt;without roots soil is subject to erosion;&lt;br&gt;so easier to wash away as not bound by roots;&lt;br&gt;so very few plants can now grow;</td>
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<td>2(b)</td>
<td>any 2 of:&lt;br&gt;growing trees and crops/grazing animals (for food in same place);&lt;br&gt;don’t have to cut down;&lt;br&gt;diversity increased/maintained;&lt;br&gt;reduces pest problems;&lt;br&gt;improves soil fertility;</td>
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<td>3(a)(i)</td>
<td>arrows correct; levels correct; all links which are present correct;</td>
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<td>3(a)(ii)</td>
<td>a food web (NOT chain);</td>
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<td>3(b)(i)</td>
<td><em>any 3 of:</em> &lt;br&gt; predators / parasites eat / kill / eq, aphids; &lt;br&gt; thus stopping (rapid) population growth; &lt;br&gt; pesticides would kill / eq, predators / parasites; reducing / removing their effect of aphids;</td>
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<td>3(b)(ii)</td>
<td><em>any 2 of:</em> &lt;br&gt; it rises and later falls; &lt;br&gt; rises up to EITHER 35 days OR 230 aphids per plant; &lt;br&gt; falls to 100 days or 0 aphids; &lt;br&gt; some comment on changes in gradient for one mark (e.g. rise speeds up at about 28 days, slowest fall after 80 days);</td>
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<td>3(b)(iii)</td>
<td>20 aphids per plant;</td>
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<td>4(a)(i)</td>
<td>$140000000 \times 0.03 = 42000000 \text{ (km}^3) ;$</td>
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| 4(a)(ii) | $42000000 \times .008 ;$
|          | $336000 \text{ (km}^3) ;$            | 2     |
| 4(a)(iii)| water directed at crop roots ;
        | water not lost by evaporation/draining plant free into soil/collection on foliage ; | 2     |
| 4(a)(iv) | added water dissolves salt ;
        | evaporation brings salt rich water to surface ;
        | evaporation leaves salt behind around plants ; | 3     |
| 4(b)     | any 2 of:
        | more people in urban means more economical to treat/supply water ;
        | as houses close together ;
<pre><code>    | more money available/people richer/people have more influence on authorities ; | 2     |
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| 5(a)(i)  | T (much) less ozone (ORA) ;  
T (much) more water (vapour) (ORA) ; | 2 |
| 5(a)(ii) | (blocking of) UV ;  
any consequence of not blocking UV to life/humans (cancer, cataracts, mutations) ; | 2 |
| 5(a)(iii) | (troposphere*) ;  
increase carbon dioxide level ;  
(stratosphere*/ozone layer)  
reduces ozone level ;  
*1 mark for both correct | 3 |
| 5(b)     | any 3 of:  
NO:  
people fear nuclear power ;  
waste storage a problem ;  
possibility of making weapons ;  
radiation leaks/accidents ;  
cancer/mutation ;  
YES:  
nuclear power does not emit NOx/SO$_2$ ;  
so reduces acid rain ;  
very safe in modern plants ;  
(almost) infinite resource ;  
conserves fossil fuels ;  
which can be used for other purposes ;  
points from either list as long as not contradictory | 3 |
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| 6(a)     | any 3 of:  
from rocks ;  
by weathering ;  
freeze thaw, chemical ;  
from dead organisms ;  
by decomposition ;  
texture allows air and water in ; | 3 |
| 6(b)(i)  | 6–8 circled ;  
any 2 of:  
all needed minerals at maximum/high;  
nitrogen less available above 8/below 6/P low 8–9/P low below 6 ;  
aluminium high below 6 ; | 3 |
| 6(b)(ii) | any 2 of:  
acidic soils lead to low growth/yield ;  
some minerals less available in acid soil ;  
soil organisms affected ;  
corrosive ;  
aluminium is very available at low pH ;  
aluminium is poisonous/toxic ; | 2 |
| 6(c)     | any 2 of:  
acid rain ;  
from burning fossil fuels/other source ;  
releases sulphur dioxide/NOx ;  
which dissolve in water ;  
other named relevant process ; | 2 |