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1 (a) (i) damage to, crops; infrastructure; buildings; roads; communications; loss of products; unemployment; inability to trade e.g. tourism; AVP; such as too sick to work; [2]

(ii) money sent back / e.g.; high costs of repair / recovery; [1]

(b) (i) provides fertiliser / nutrients / minerals / named mineral; for (plant) growth; rapid root development; manure retains water / eq.; [2]

(ii) increased density increases yield; increased yield decreases yield per tree; only by a small amount; doubling the number of trees does not double yield / eq.; use of figures to support any point; [3]

(iii) high cost of labour; for digging holes; cost of manure / bone meal; cost of extra seeds / seedlings / trees; loss of soil quality; extra investment only gives small increase in yield; [3]

(iv) intercropping / agroforestry / intensive; [1]

(v) nitrogen fixed (from the air); so more (nitrogen for crop) growth; more crop to sell / eat; fodder for animals; increased fertility; [3]

(c) (i) 253; [1]

(ii) \[ \frac{253}{385} = 65.7 - 66.0 \% \]; [1]

(iii) knife or spoon / scales / bowl / notebook and pen; Four for two marks. Three or two for one mark. [2]

(iv) care with knife / gloves to handle seed / wash hands; [1]

(v) use seeds for new planting; composted (to make fertiliser); animal feed; [2]

(d) (i) foreign currency helps balance of payments / eq.; more tax revenue; reduces poverty / improves standard of living; creates jobs / eq.; [2]

(ii) high cost of fertiliser and / or insecticide; regular hurricanes could destroy crop; drop in world demand; risk of going bankrupt / eq.; [2]

(iii) cross-breeding two varieties; selecting the offspring with desired characters; identify the allele / gene for large fruits; genetically engineer (a native variety); further detail of genetic engineering; ref. to grafting; [2]

(e) (i) product lasts longer; can be exported all year round; exported when demand / prices high; lower transport costs; native plants need less care / eq.; makes use of native species; AVP;

First point for one mark, two or three points for two marks. [2]
(ii) large amount of raw material needed; high production cost; skilled labour needed; difficult to dry flesh in a tropical climate; cost of heating; [2]

(iii) give grants/loans/subsidies for building ovens/buying gas; government education campaigns aimed at farmers/product promotion; [1]

(iv) sustainable: less chemical inputs needed; low risk of pollution; lower costs of production; still part of the local ecology; AVP; OR not sustainable: too difficult to process/store dried fruit; need to produce more fruits; demand may drop; small fruits are easy to export when there is demand; AVP; [4]

2 (a) (i) one line in correct orientation; correct size each side of power line; [2]

(ii) plan 3 is in the correct orientation but plan 1 is not; plan 3 goes into the forest but plan 1 and 2 do not; plan 3 is repeated; plan 3 can check the data; so can take an average; [3]

(iii) line graph; correct orientation and both axes labelled; plots; [4]

(iv) plant species increases; then decreases; [2]

(v) person B is right with a reason, e.g. species diversity similar under lines and in forest; maximum diversity at the boundary; further detail may include use of data; [2]

(vi) survey animals; more power lines; each year to measure changes; identify species; survey for named abiotic factors; [3]

(b) (i) H.E.P. does not generate greenhouse gasses; acid rain; water is a renewable source; abundant supply; use as a reservoir; only a small amount of forest lost; AVP; [3]

(ii) to pay for the building of the dam/turbines; [1]

(iii) macaw not saved: as power for people more important than the habitat of one species; some loss of species has to be accepted; OR macaw saved: as if it becomes (locally) extinct (where will destruction stop); keeping biodiversity is important for the future; AVP; [2]

(iv) silt builds up behind the dam; so less water held; flow of water reduced; turbines turn less/generate less electricity; [1]

AVP = Alternative Valid Point.

[Total: 60]