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GEOLOGY – GL1 Foundation Unit

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Question	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
1.	16	
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ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need:

- the Mineral Data Sheet;
- a protractor.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

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

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided in this booklet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are reminded that marking will take into account the use of examples and the quality of communication used in your answers.

Answer all questions.

1. **Figures 1a** and **1b** give details of the plate tectonic setting of the Tonga Islands in the Pacific Ocean.

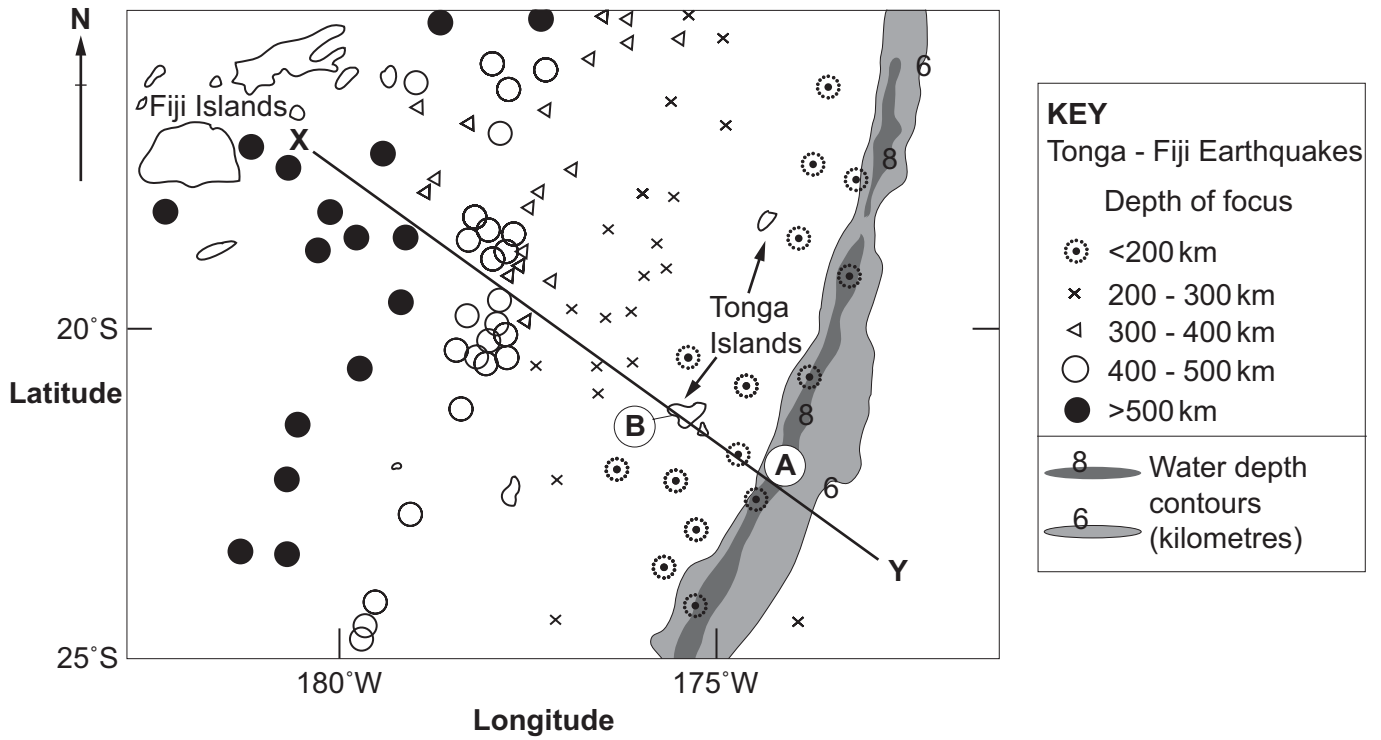


Figure 1a

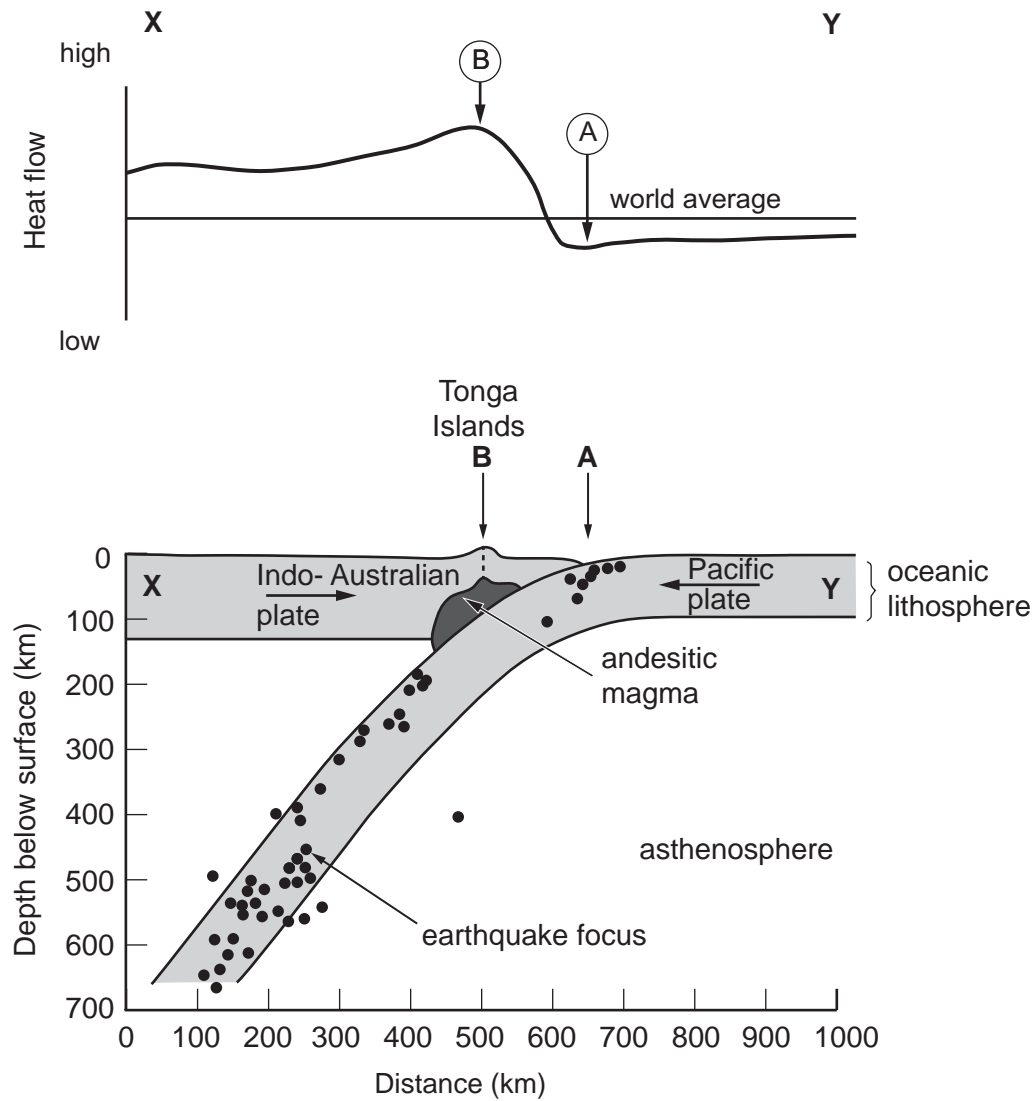


Figure 1b

- (a) (i) Identify the features labelled **A** and **B** on **Figures 1a** and **1b**. Choose **two** from the following options. [2]

ocean ridge

ocean trench

volcanic island arc

fold mountains

transform fault

rift valley (graben)

A

B

- (ii) Describe the pattern of earthquake foci shown in **Figure 1b**. [2]

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- (iii) Explain why earthquakes occur at this plate tectonic setting. [2]

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- (b) (i) With reference to **Figure 1b** describe and explain the difference in heat flow at **A** and **B**. [3]

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- (ii) Suggest **one** possible cause of plate movement as indicated by the directional arrows shown on **Figure 1b**. [2]

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- (iii) With reference to the variation in heatflow on **Figure 1b**, explain why the Pacific plate is subducted beneath the Indo-Australian plate. Note that both plates are composed of oceanic lithosphere. [2]

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- (iv) Explain the origin of the andesitic magma beneath location **B** on **Figure 1b**. [3]

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2. **Figure 2a** shows the results of sieving a sample of dry loose sand, sand **A**. The sand has a modal grain size of 1.0 – 2.0 mm. A second sample of dry loose sand, sand **B** is much better sorted than sand **A** and has a modal grain size of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mm which comprises 60% of the sample.

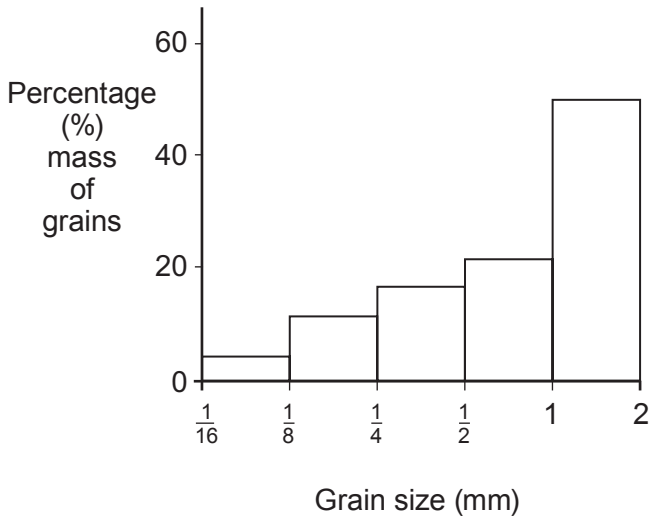


Figure 2a

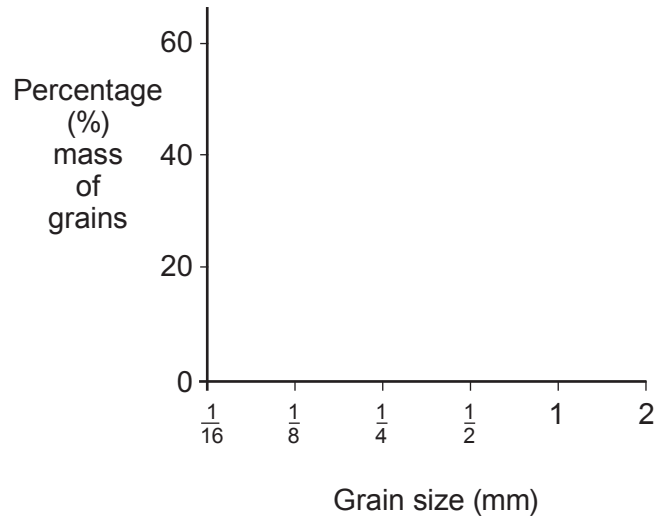


Figure 2b

- (a) Complete **Figure 2b** to show the grain size distribution of sand **B**.

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- (b) **Figure 2c** shows sand **A**.

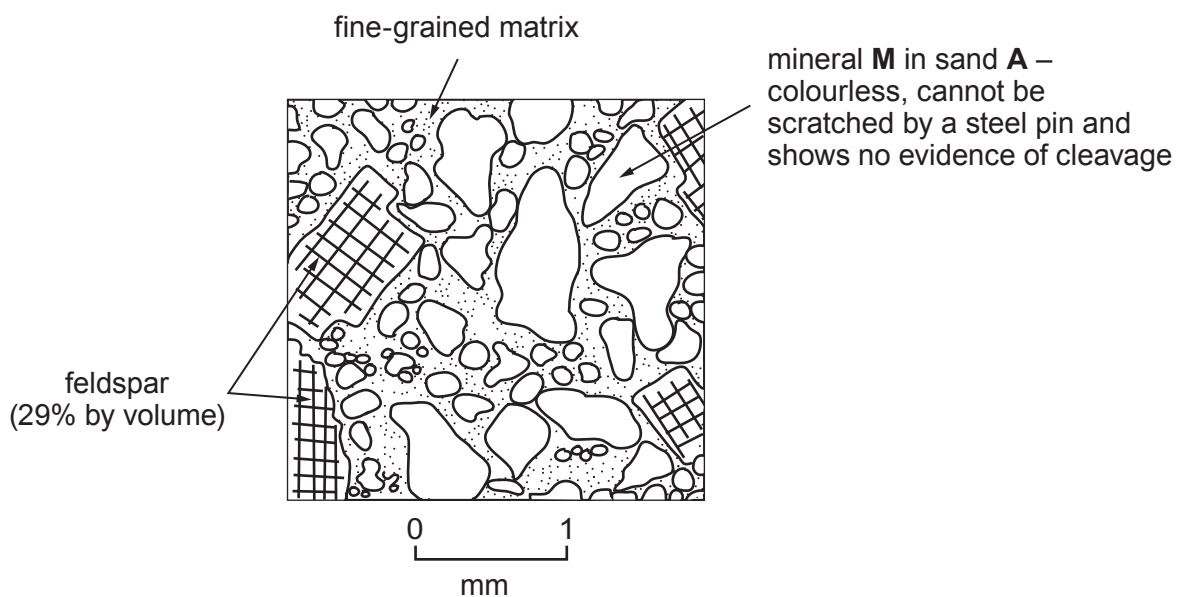


Figure 2c

- (i) Using the Mineral Data Sheet, state the name of mineral **M**. [1]

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- (ii) Describe the **texture** of sand **A** shown in **Figure 2c**. [3]

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- (iii) Explain the difference in **shape** between the feldspar grains and the grains of mineral **M** in sand **A** shown in **Figure 2c**. You may wish to use the Mineral Data Sheet. [2]

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- (iv) If sand **A** was deposited and consolidated into a sedimentary rock, what would be the most appropriate name for this rock? Tick (✓) only **one** box. [1]

granite

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orthoquartzite

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breccia

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arkose

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conglomerate

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- (v) A student concluded that sand **A** was deposited in a **fluvial** environment. Evaluate the evidence from **Figure 2c** that supports this conclusion. [3]

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3. **Figure 3a** shows a geological map where a granite pluton has intruded into a sequence of sedimentary rocks. **Figure 3b** shows fossil **S** from the shale and **Figure 3c** shows fossil **L** from the limestone.

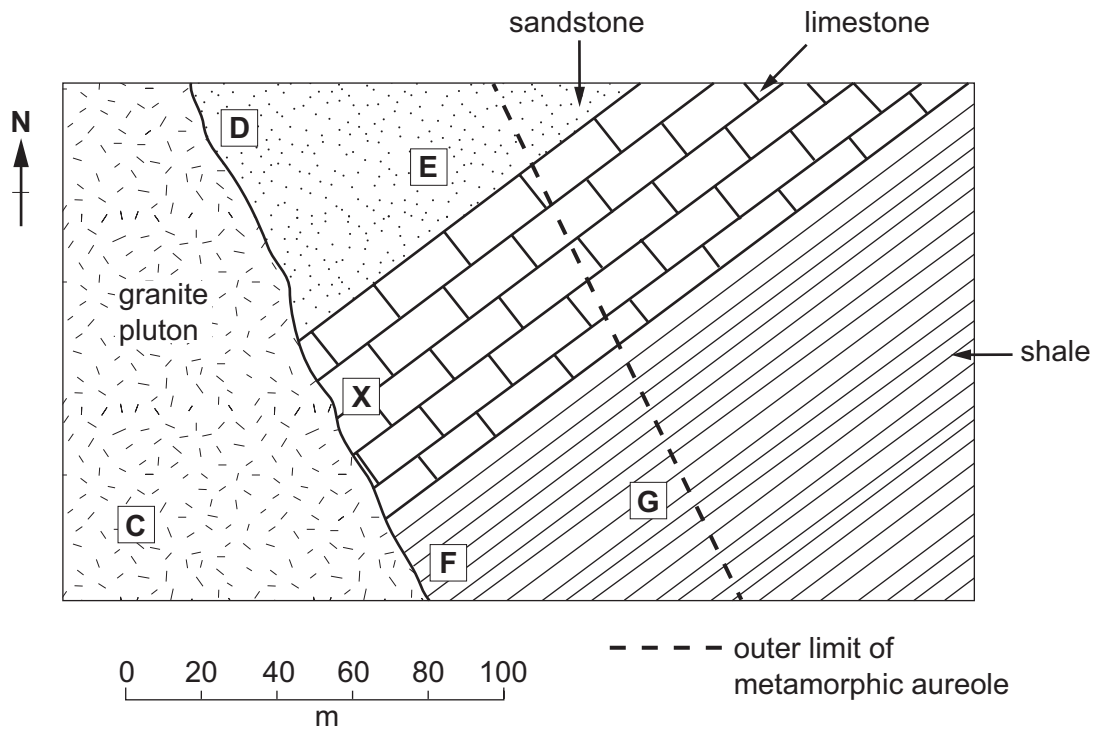


Figure 3a

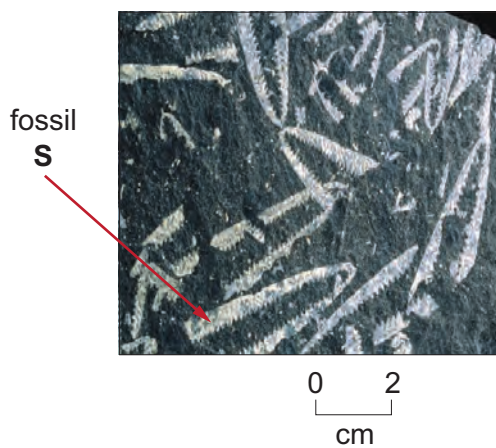


Figure 3b

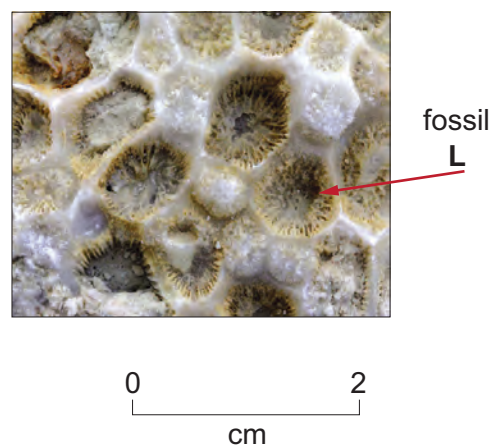


Figure 3c

- (a) (i) Name the fossil groups to which fossil **S** and fossil **L** belong. [2]

Fossil **S** Fossil **L**

- (ii) With reference to **Figure 3c** describe the depositional environment of the limestone in **Figure 3a**. Give reasons for your answer. [3]

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- (iii) Explain why fossil **S** is more useful for the relative dating of rocks than fossil **L**. [3]

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- (b) Refer to **Figure 3a**.

- (i) Define the term metamorphic aureole. [2]

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- (ii) State at which locality **C, D, E, F** or **G** in **Figure 3a** spotted rock is most likely to be found. Give reasons for your answer. [3]

Locality

Reasons

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- (c) Draw in **Figure 3d** the texture of the metamorphic rock located at locality **X** in **Figure 3a**. The **mean** crystal size of this rock is 1.5 mm. [3]

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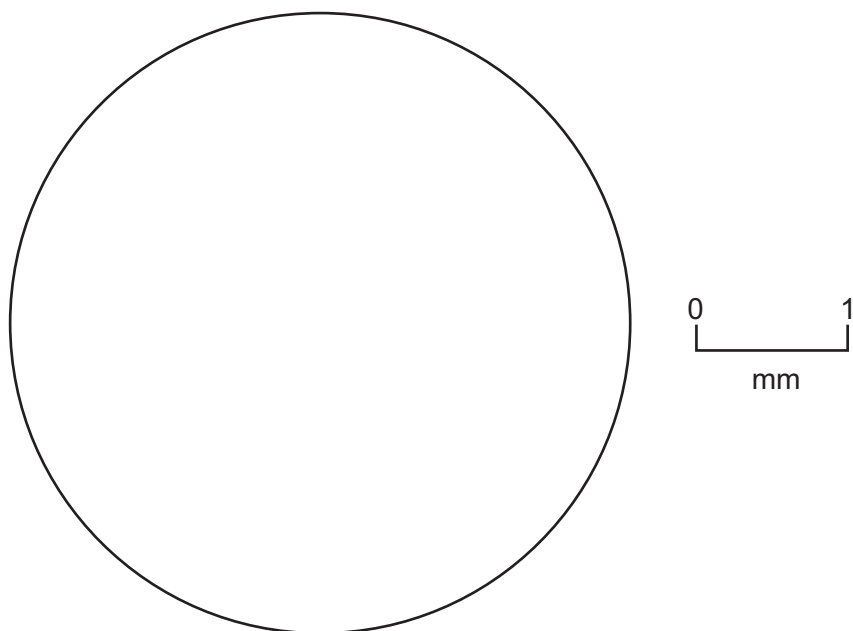


Figure 3d

4. **Figure 4** is a **cross-section** showing the true dip of a sequence of sedimentary rocks exposed in a roadside cutting.

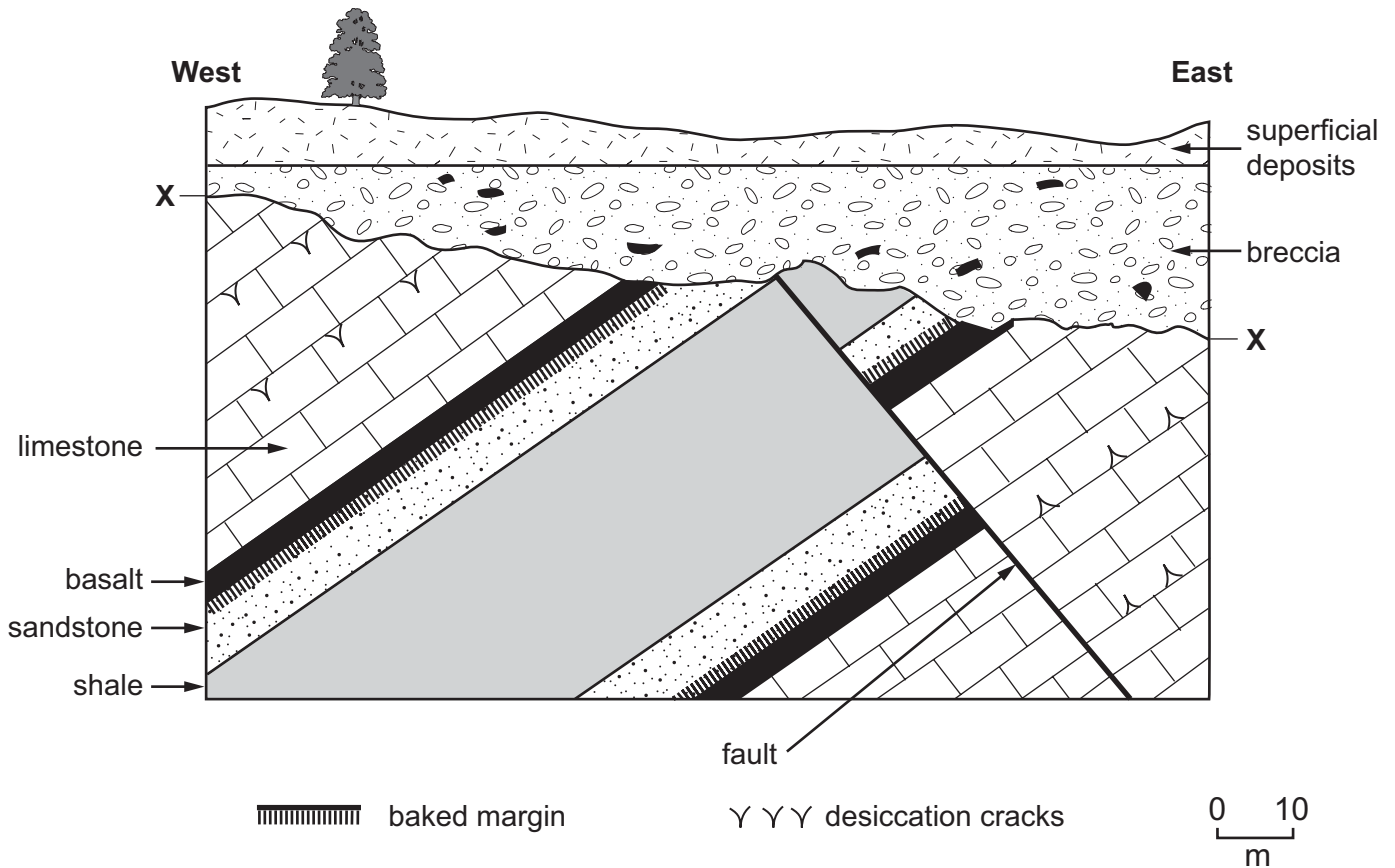


Figure 4

- (a) (i) State the angle and direction of dip of the sedimentary rocks below the boundary labelled **X-X** in **Figure 4**. [2]

Angle of dip ° Direction of dip

- (ii) State the type of geological boundary labelled **X-X** in **Figure 4**. [1]
Tick (✓) only **one** box.

bedding plane joint unconformity fault baked margin

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- (iii) Indicate with an arrow labelled **U** (**U** →) on **Figure 4** one bed which has been overturned. [1]

- (iv) State **two** pieces of evidence from **Figure 4** that confirm that some of the beds are overturned. [2]

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(b) There is a major fold structure in the rocks below boundary **X–X** in **Figure 4**.

(i) Draw the position of the fold axis on **Figure 4**. [1]

(ii) Select the **three** boxes which best describe the main characteristics of the fold shown in **Figure 4**. [3]

Type of fold

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anticline

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syncline

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Figure 4 to decide

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Strike of axial plane trace

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North-South

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East-West

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Northwest-
Southeast

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Fold symmetry

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symmetrical

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(c) State the type of igneous body formed by the basalt shown in **Figure 4**. Give a reason for your answer. [2]

Type of igneous body

Reason

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- (d) A student concluded that the fault in **Figure 4** is older than the breccia and has been formed by compressional forces resulting in a normal fault. Evaluate these conclusions.

[3]

Fault is older than the breccia

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Fault formed by compressional forces

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Is a normal fault

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