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## PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2025 Secondary 4

### GEOGRAPHY Paper 1

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**1 Cluster 1: Geography in Everyday Life**

Bath is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in southwest England, known for its Roman Baths, Georgian architecture, and historic city centre. The Roman Baths are a well-preserved ancient bathing complex in, built by the Romans over natural hot springs for bathing, worship, and socialising. The city of Bath attracts millions of tourists each year.

Study Fig. 1.1 (Insert) which shows a map of the city of Bath.

A group of students in UK were interested in the effects of tourism on the city of Bath. Their hypothesis was: *The advantages of tourism are greater than the disadvantages.*

(a) The students used a questionnaire to investigate the hypothesis which is shown in Fig. 1.2 (Insert).

Study Fig. 1.3 (Insert), which shows the responses to Question 1 'What do you think are the main advantages of tourism in Bath?' and Question 2 'What do you think are the main disadvantages of tourism in Bath?'.

(i) Using Fig 1.3, complete the bar graph below. [4]

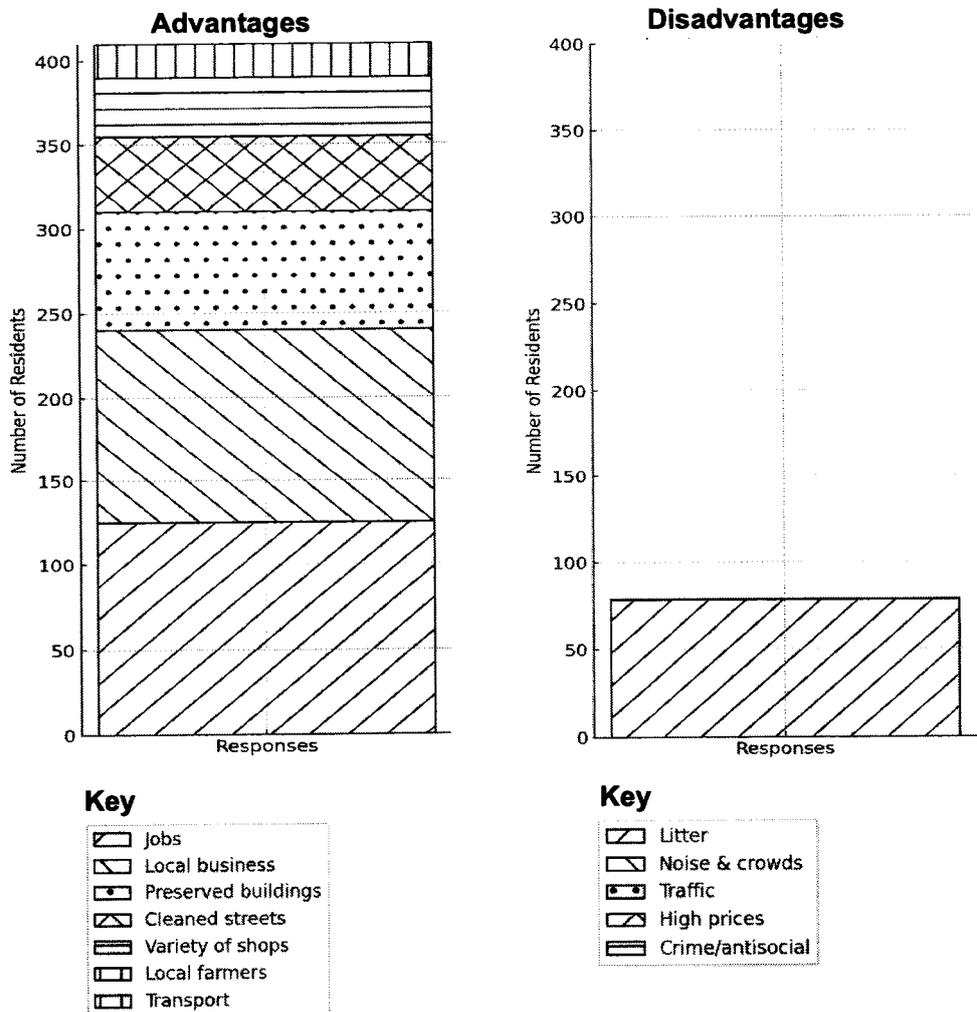


Fig. 1.4













**3 Cluster 3: Climate**

**(a)** Study Fig. 3.1 (Insert), which shows coastal cities vulnerable to climate-related hazards.

**(i)** Describe the global distribution of coastal cities vulnerable to climate-related hazards.

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**(ii)** Suggest why coastal cities are likely to be more exposed to climate-related hazards and describe the hazards associated with this exposure.

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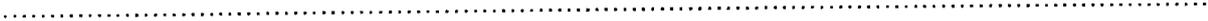
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**Fig. 1.1 for Question 1**

**Map of the city of Bath, England**



- 11 The Royal Crescent and the Circus**  
Two of the most striking masterpieces of Georgian architecture. Tour No.1 Royal Crescent for a magnificent view of Circus life and enjoy the shops of King's Arms Buildings, Messed between the two famous streets. This Assembly Rooms and Museum of East Asian Art are just around the corner.
- 12 George Street and Bartlett Street**  
A host of vibrant bars and lively night spots, independent shops and Bath's largest antique center.
- 13 Walcot Street**  
Bath's Artisan Quarter, with a treasure trove of unique shops, workshops and restaurants, as well as a glassblowing studio.
- 14 Milcom Street to SouthGate**  
The main thoroughfare, running from the bus station to the stylish Milcom Street, with designer names, high street favorites and independent retailers, as well as one of Europe's leading department stores.
- 15 Broad Street and High Street**  
Filled with home furnishings, fashion and independents. Don't miss Museum Place, Guildhall Market and Victoria Art Gallery.
- 16 Green Street, Quiet Street and New Bond Street**  
Home to top tier shops, perfumery and skincare boutiques.
- 17 The Corridor, Northumberland Place and Union Passage**  
Discover Bath's smallest, but bustling, cafe and unique shops. The Corridor is one of the first examples of an indoor shopping arcade.
- 18 Cheap Street and Westgate Street**  
This historically important thoroughfare has a delightful mix of shops, independent bars and bars, leading to the central heart of the city.
- 19 Abbey Green**  
This historic cobbled square in the heart of Bath dates from c. a 1735 London Plane tree, with plenty of street trees, including hedge chesnut, and Bath's two famous fountains, within easy reach.
- 20 Pulteney Bridge**  
Built in 1780, except for four bridges in the world, with shops on both sides. Cross the bridge to Great Pulteney Street, the widest and grandest road in Bath with The Helmore Museum at the end.
- 21 Orange Grove and Parade Gardens**  
Follow the original Abbey's churchyard's restaurants and shops and park in the beautiful sunken Parade Gardens.
- 22 Bath Abbey**  
Admire the wonderful architecture and absorb the rich history of this holy and uplifting place.
- 23 The Roman Baths**  
The true source of Bath's popularity lies in hot water, which can still be experienced at the Roman Baths, the epicentre of World Heritage Bath.
- 24 Thermae Bath Spa**  
Bath in Bath's naturally warm, mineral-rich waters as the Celts and Romans did over 2,000 years ago.
- 25 Sawcluse**  
A centre of early 20th-century art, home to the Theatre Royal Bath, Dornow Theatre, the Egg Theatre, and great dining.
- 26 Kingsmead Square**  
An attractive mix of restaurants and cafes to enjoy of leisure.
- 27 Green Park Station**  
Home to many of Bath's flourishing regular and speciality markets, and adjacent to a major supermarket.
- 28 SouthGate Bath**  
The first stop for those stepping off the bus or train. SouthGate is home to major high street shops and restaurants.
- 29 Widcombe**  
An easy walk from the train station, where the city meets the countryside.

Fig. 1.2 for Question 1

**Questionnaire for Bath residents and tourists****Questionnaire**

I am a student from Royal High School. I am conducting this questionnaire as part of my Geography coursework on tourism in Bath. Please could you take a few moments to answer the following questions?

1. What do you think are the main advantages of tourism in Bath?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What do you think are the main disadvantages of tourism in Bath?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Overall, do you think there are more advantages than disadvantages from tourism in Bath?  
 Yes             No

**Thank you for your time!**

Fig. 1.3 for Question 1

## Answers from questionnaire

Question 1: What do you think are the main advantages of tourism in Bath?

<b>Advantages of tourism in Bath</b>	<b>Number of Responses</b>
More jobs are created for local people	125
Opportunities for local businesses to earn money	115
Historic buildings are preserved and maintained	70
Improved public transport services	0
The streets are cleaned more regularly	45
Greater variety of shops and restaurants	35
Local farmers can sell produce at weekend markets	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>410</b>

Question 2: What do you think are the main disadvantages of tourism in Bath?

<b>Disadvantages of tourism in Bath</b>	<b>Number of Responses</b>
Increased litter in the city centre	78
More noise and crowds in the evening	68
Traffic congestion around the Abbey and Roman Baths	60
Higher prices in cafes and restaurants	50
More crime and anti-social behaviour	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>284</b>

Question 3: Overall, do you think there are more advantages than disadvantages from tourism in Bath?

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Responses</b>
Yes	93
No	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>

Fig. 1.5 for Question 1

Locations where questionnaire was conducted

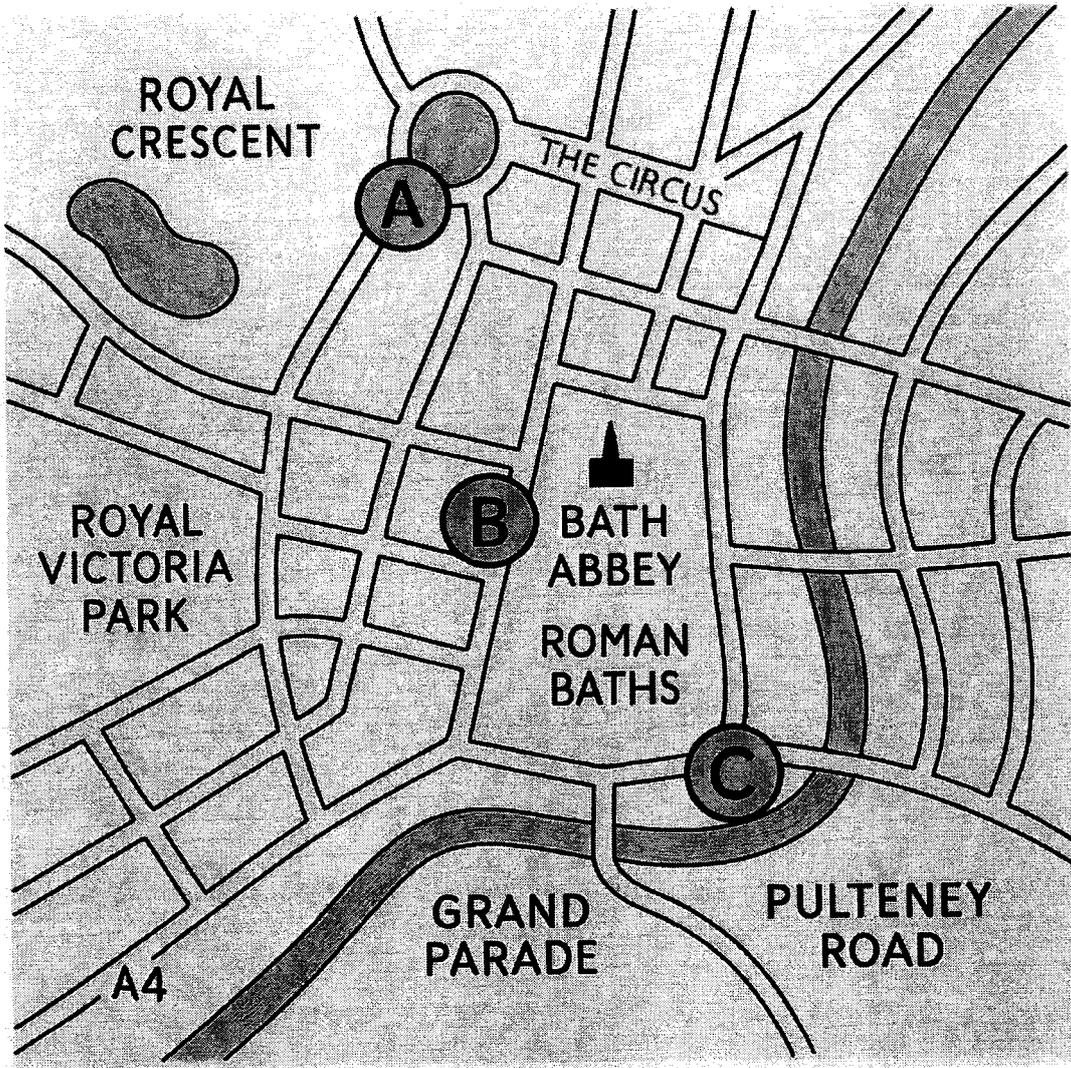
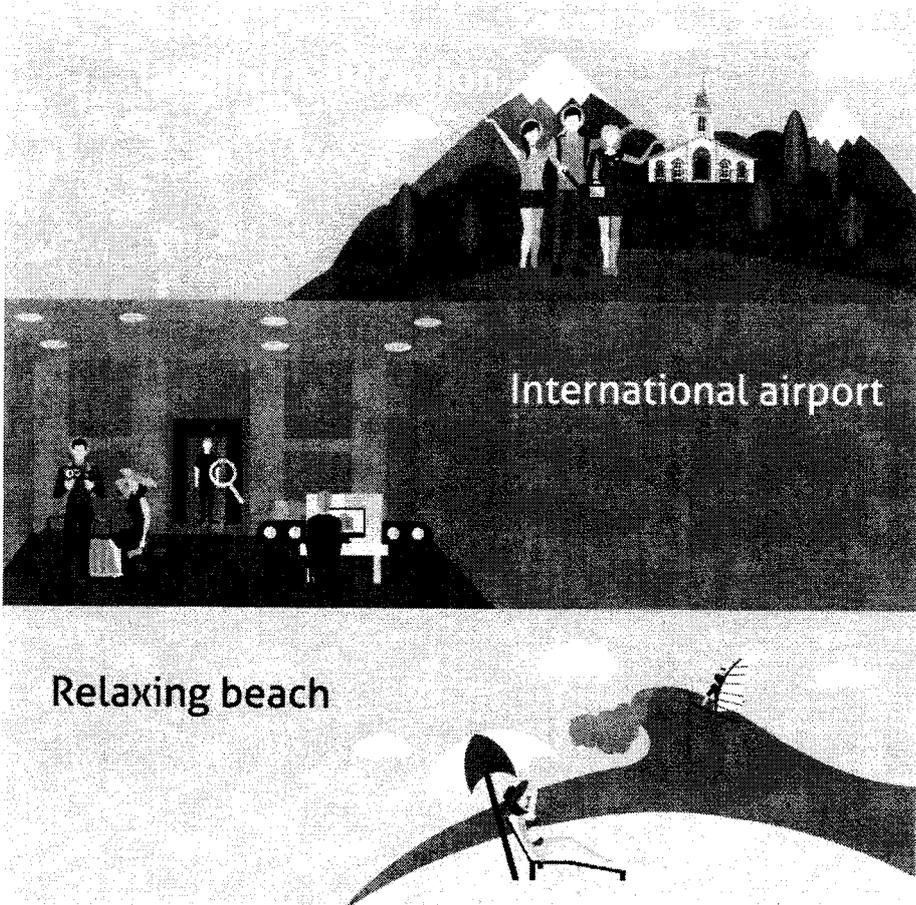


Fig. 2.1 for Question 2

Reasons for the growth of tourism



**Fig. 2.2 for Question 2**

**A night market in Taipei**



**Fig. 2.3 for Question 2**

**Tourists dancing with local villages**



**Fig. 3.1 for Question 3**  
**Vulnerability of coastal cities at risk to climate change**

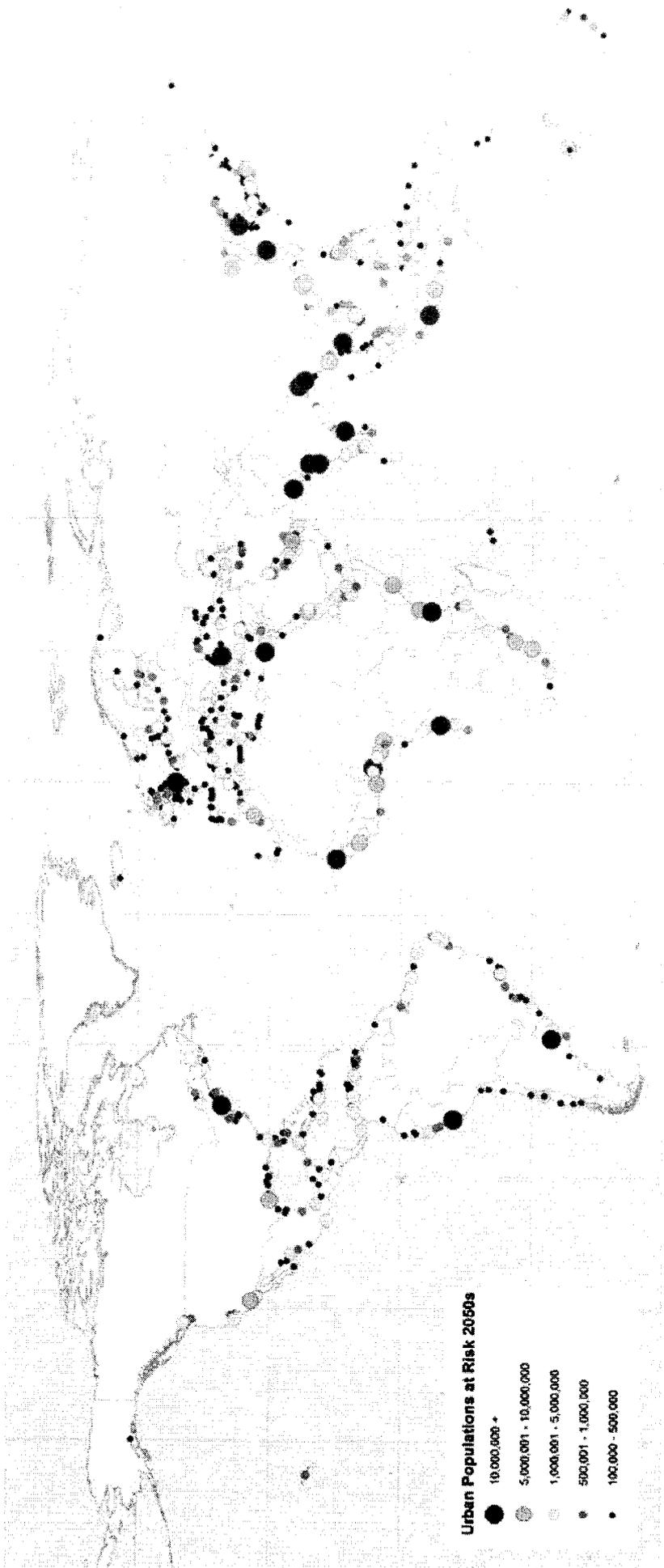
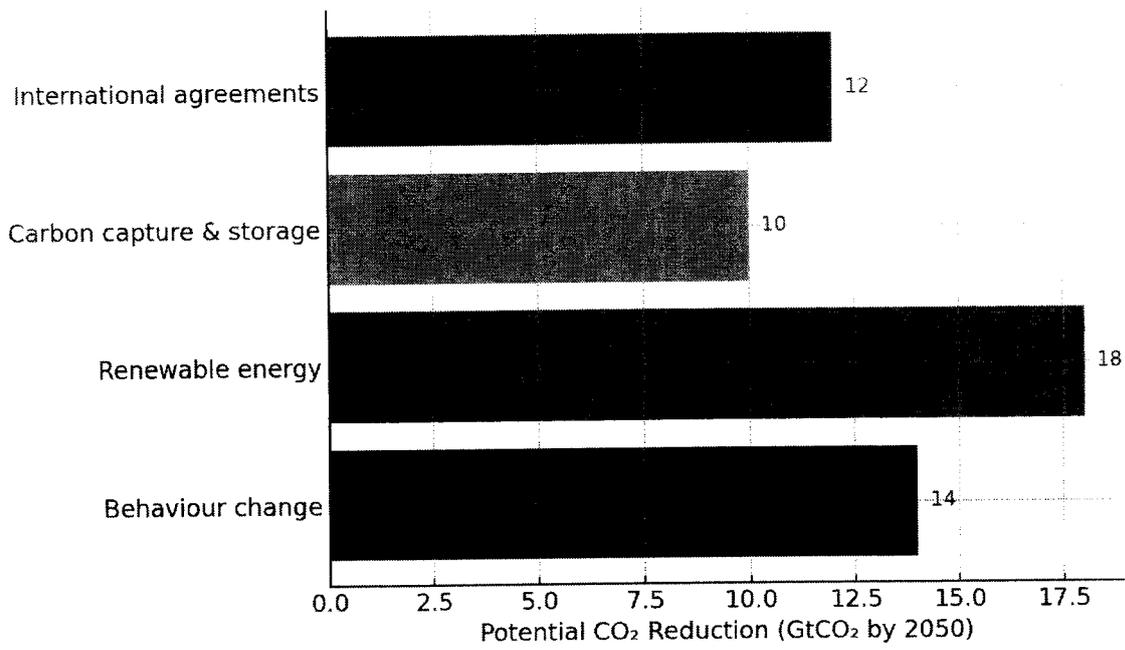


Fig. 3.2 for Question 3

Estimated potential reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 2050



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Some travel agencies were hoping for numbers to return to pre-COVID-19 levels much earlier, especially for the Chinese, who formed the biggest proportion of tourists.

Yet, the higher costs in Singapore compared to the region have led many tourists to spend less time in the country or look elsewhere, said observers. Oriental Travel and Tours managing director Stanley Foo said "I think business generally has been good, definitely much better than last year. I think we saw an increase of about 20 to 30 per cent compared to last year.

However, the agency has seen a switch in the types of tourists coming to Singapore. Before the pandemic, the largest groups of tourists were from China, India and Indonesia, but these tourists are now choosing to travel to neighbouring countries instead, noted Mr Foo.

"What happened is that hotel prices have increased, the costs of their tours have increased, and these tourists coming from China and India are actually changing their destination from Singapore to our neighbouring countries. Most recently, we have also seen our neighbouring countries coming up with new strategies to attract them to their countries," he said.

He believes Singapore is now less attractive to these travellers because of the accommodation prices, adding that Chinese tourists "can spend three nights in our neighbouring country instead of one night in Singapore".

For some tourists, however, checking Singapore off their travel list is worth the price. One Indian tourist told CNA: "Cost, of course, is a bit (on the) higher side, but ultimately, you need to go to four to five countries to see all those things which you can see in a single country in Singapore, so we thought of spending more."

One American tourist interviewed agreed that the country has a rich and diverse culture, but "the only thing that puts me off from coming to Singapore is the costs associated with it" and that it is a "very expensive place" to visit.

Local attractions such as Gardens by the Bay told CNA that ticket sales are still about 80 per cent of pre-COVID-19 levels. However, the attraction is hoping that having new exhibits will help draw more people. "We showcase plants in an immersive way. We are constantly exploring how we can bring in new experience to our business," said Gardens by the Bay senior director of business development Ong Kian Ann. "We are looking to do this by experimenting with different mediums and technologies."

**Fig. 3.4**

With reference to Fig 3.4, evaluate the challenges and opportunities affecting tourism development in Singapore.















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**East Coast Park Singapore**



**Fig. 1.2 for Question 1**

**Marina Barrage Singapore**



Fig. 1.3 for Question 1

Comparison of Fire Hazards in Singapore between the first half of 2022 and the first half of 2023.

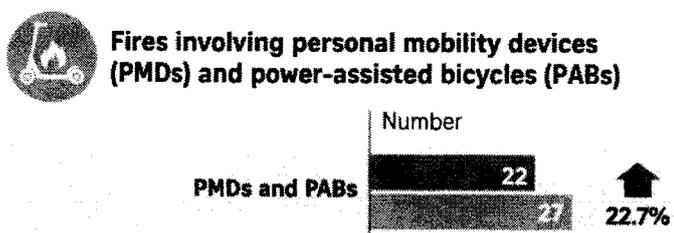
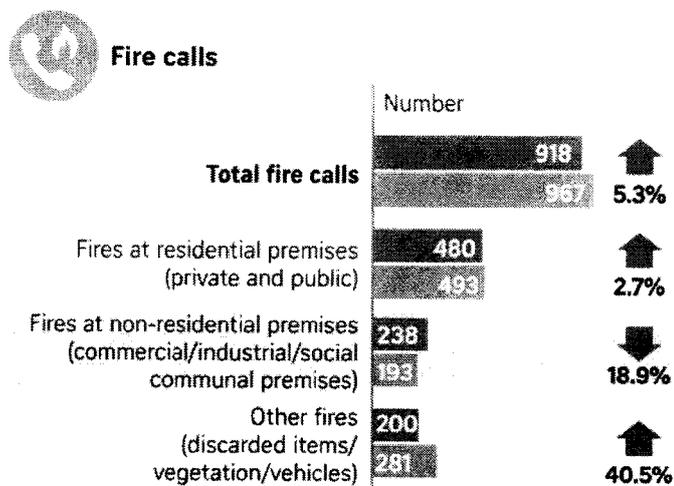


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June 2024 oil spill in Singapore

Areas in Singapore affected by the oil spill

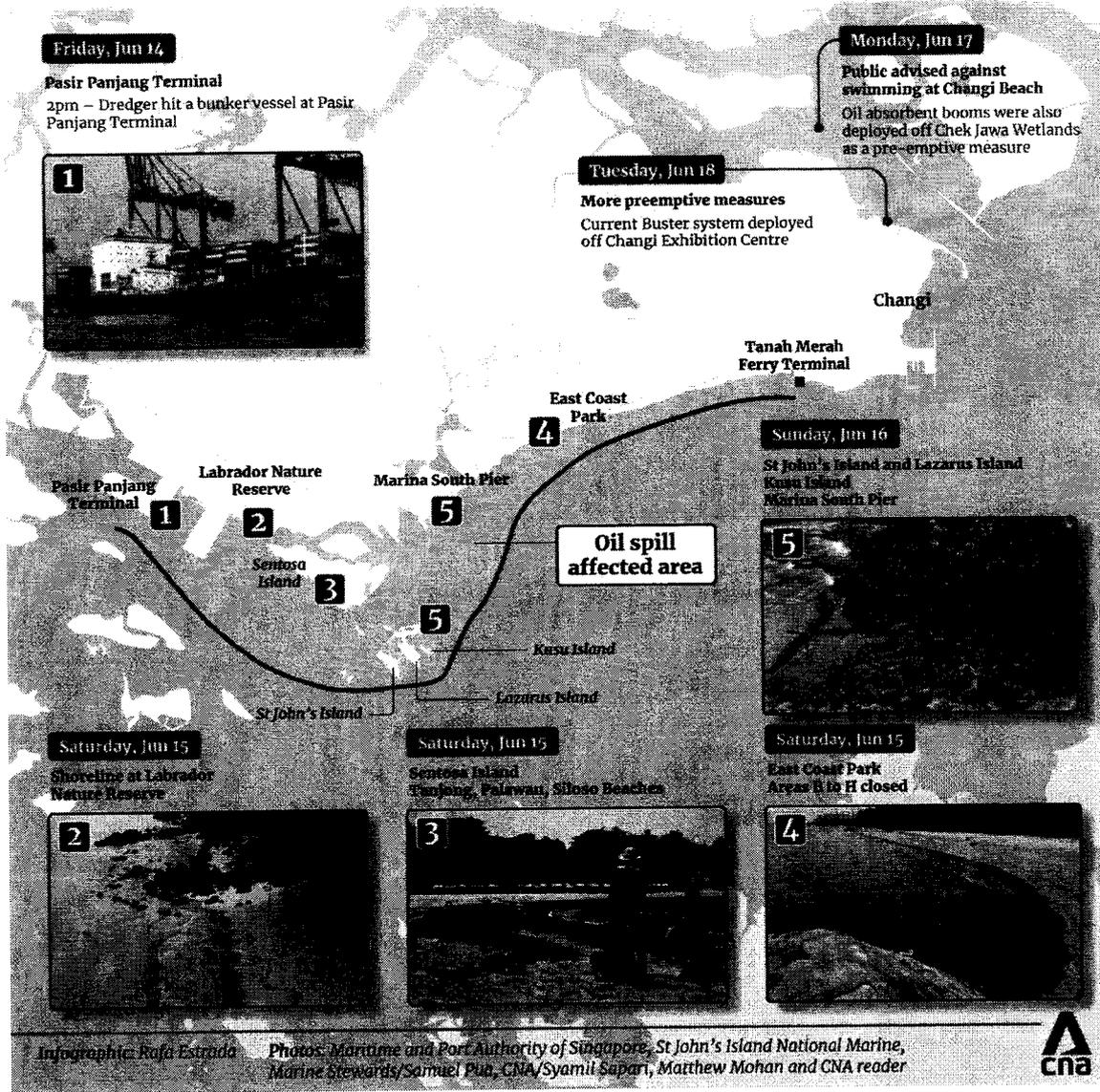


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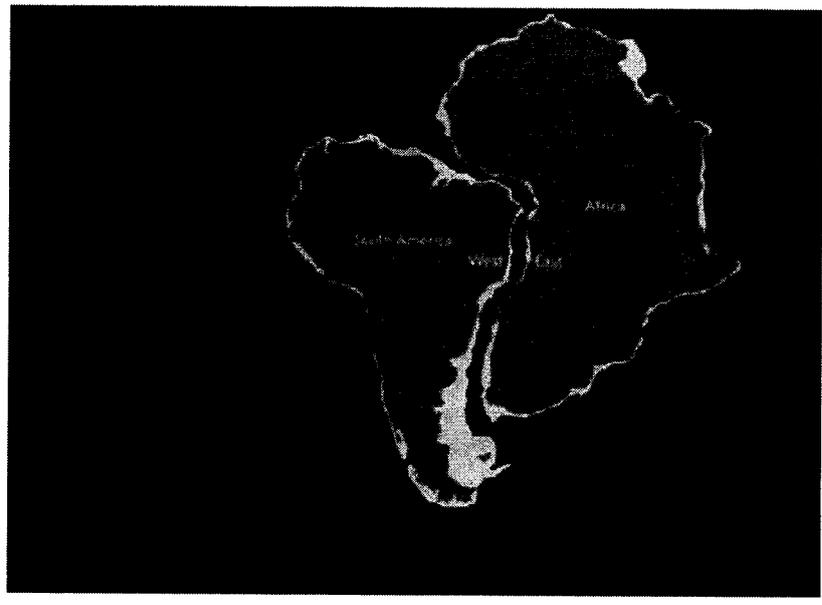


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Design of earthquake proof houses in India

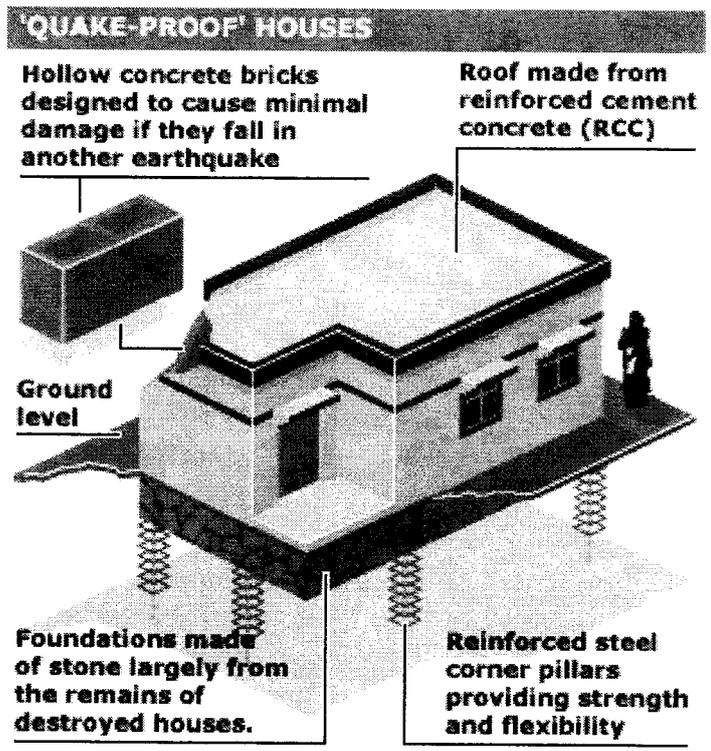


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Low Lying Areas in Singapore

Low-lying areas at risk if sea levels rise in Singapore

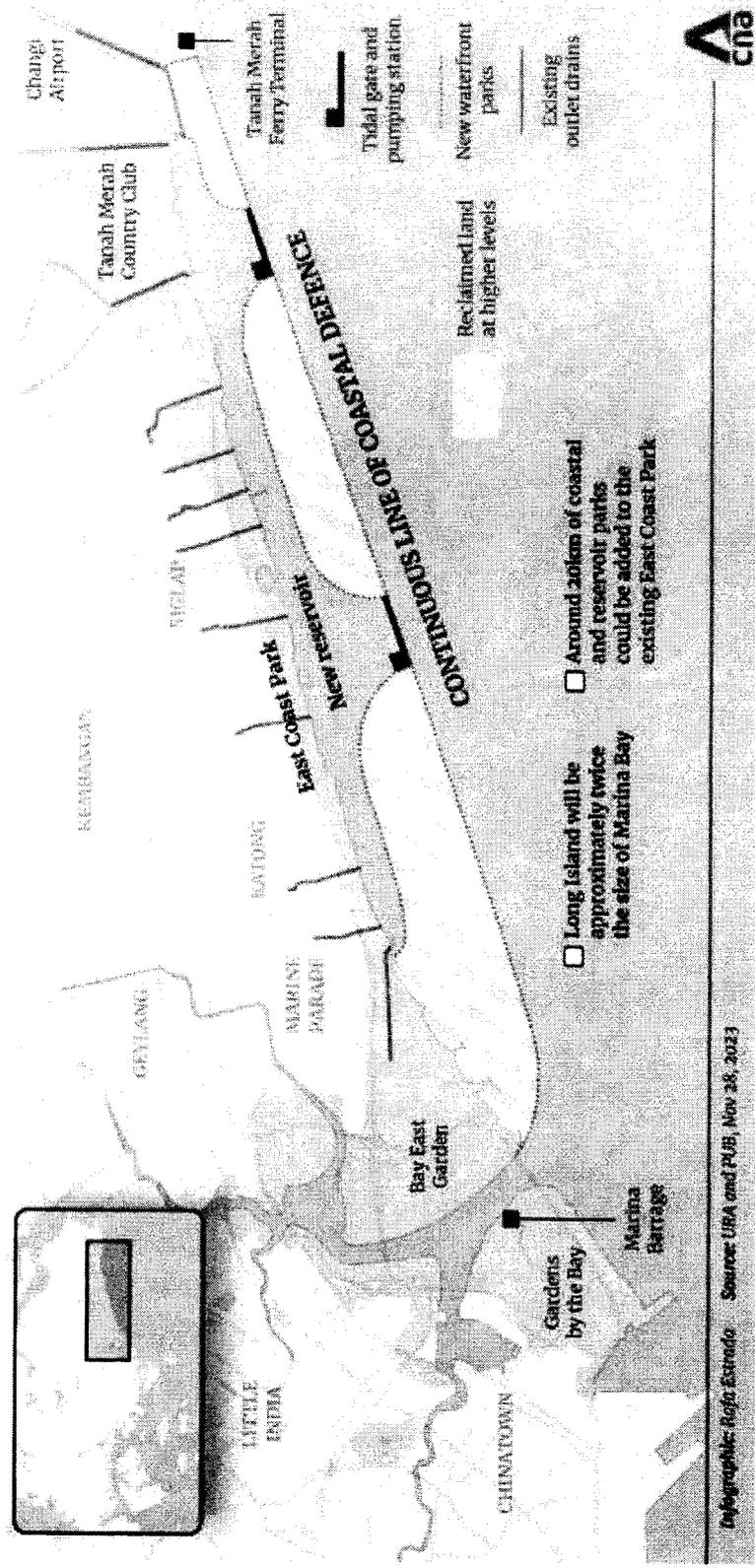


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Long Island Project for East Coast area in Singapore

What Long Island at East Coast Park could look like

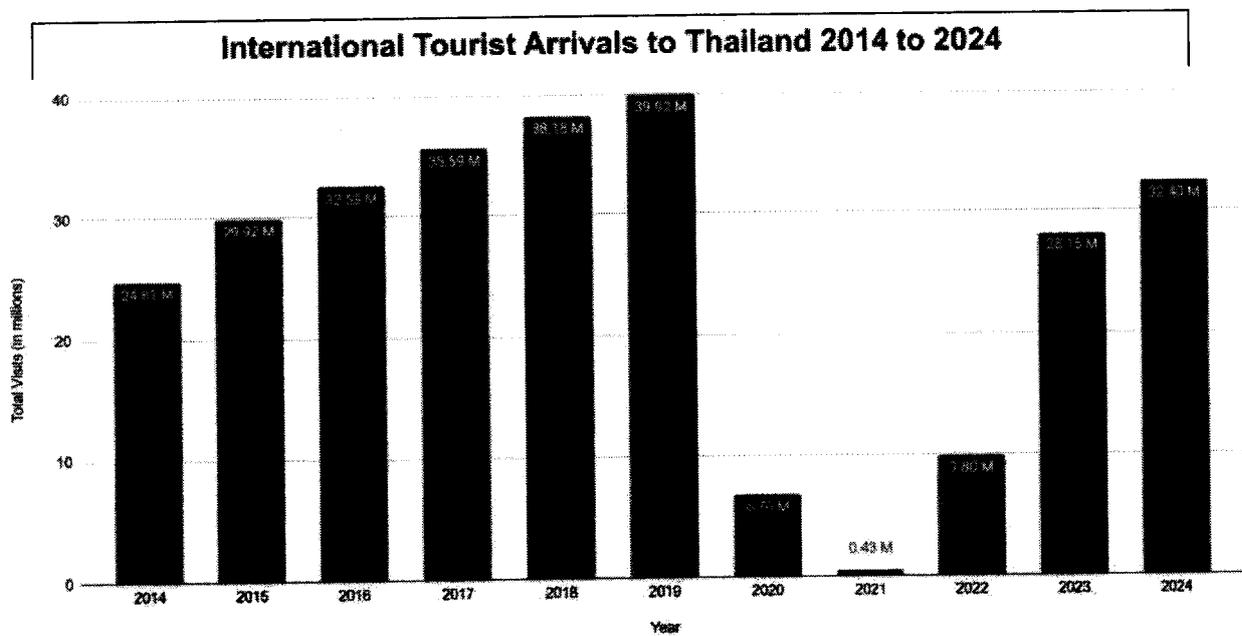
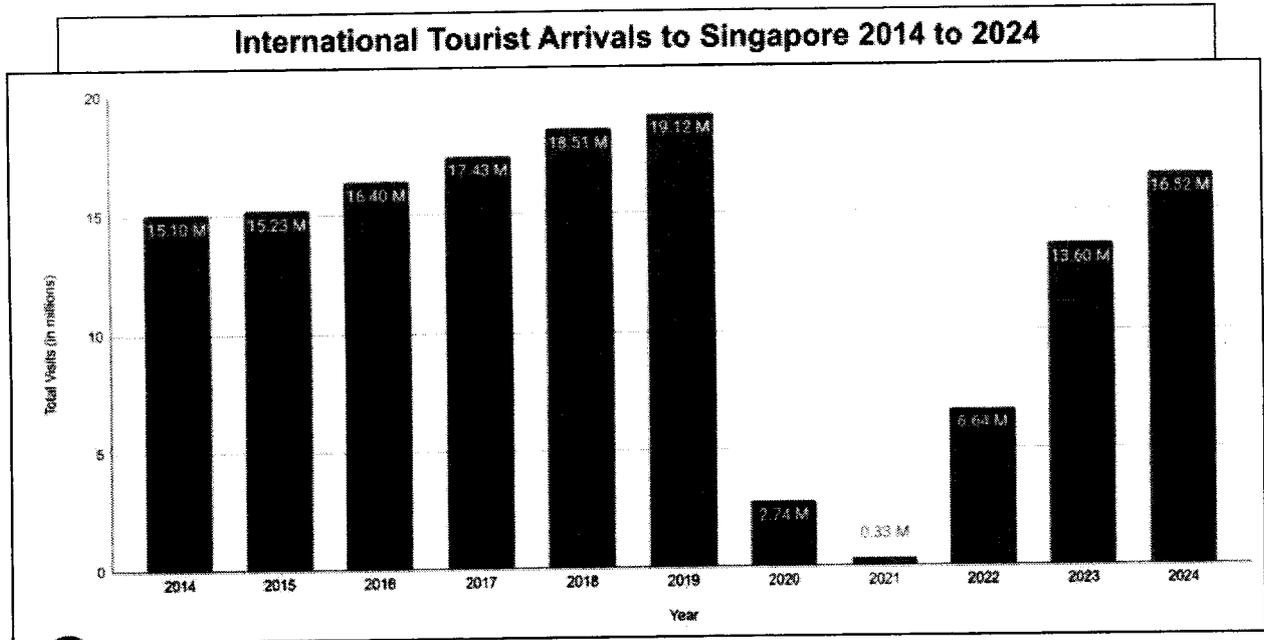
Long Island is a land reclamation project to protect Singapore's East Coast from flooding and sea level rise



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Fig. 3.3 for Question 3

**Tourist arrivals to Singapore and Thailand from 2014 to 2024**



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