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# Outdoor and Environmental Studies

## Question and Answer Book

VCE Examination – Friday 7 November 2025

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- Reading time is **15 minutes**: 3.00 pm to 3.15 pm
- Writing time is **2 hours**: 3.15 pm to 5.15 pm

### Materials supplied

- Question and Answer Book of 24 pages

### Instructions

- Use the additional space at the end of this book if you need extra space to complete an answer.

Students are **not** permitted to bring mobile phones and/or any unauthorised electronic devices into the examination room.

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<b>Section A</b> (12 questions, 75 marks) _____	3–15
<b>Section B</b> (1 question, 15 marks) _____	16–19

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## Section A

### Instructions

- Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.
  - Write your responses in English.
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### Question 1 (3 marks)

Describe a specific Indigenous peoples' relationship with an outdoor environment you have visited or studied. Your response should focus on the time before European colonisation.

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**Question 2** (6 marks)**Image A** – John Helder Wedge, *Melbourne in 1838***Image B** – John White, *Evening on the Yarra*, oil painting, c. 1898**Image C** – Melbourne Port on the Yarra River, c. 1918

Sources: John Helder Wedge, from the Federation University Historical Collection, Victorian Collections, <[victoriancollections.net.au/items/5759194bd0cdd10f9c21c982](http://victoriancollections.net.au/items/5759194bd0cdd10f9c21c982)> (Image A); John White, *Evening on the Yarra*, canvas, wood, oil paint, c. 1898, 116 cm × 75 cm, held by the Mission to Seafarers, Victorian Collections, <[victoriancollections.net.au/items/5a30a1a921ea6915900ebe23](http://victoriancollections.net.au/items/5a30a1a921ea6915900ebe23)> (Image B); Photographer unknown, held by Ballarat Heritage Services, Victorian Collections, <[victoriancollections.net.au/items/5cbc641821ea670d00df0956](http://victoriancollections.net.au/items/5cbc641821ea670d00df0956)> (Image C)

The use of the Yarra River has changed significantly since European colonisation.  
Using the time periods provided, outline the non-Indigenous peoples' relationships with the Yarra River, shown in Images A, B and C.

Image A – Early colonisation \_\_\_\_\_

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Image B – Pre-Federation \_\_\_\_\_

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Image C – Post-Federation \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 3** (7 marks)

Environmental campaigns typically begin when people or groups have concerns about the use of outdoor environments.

- a. Using a specific example, describe how a historical environmental campaign you have studied began.

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- b. Evaluate the effectiveness of the environmental campaign described in **part a** in influencing a government or political party prior to 1990.

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**Question 4** (9 marks)

**a.** Explain the process for a group to become a Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP).

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**b.** Discuss how a RAP could have an influence on both economic and conservation relationships with an outdoor environment you have visited or studied.

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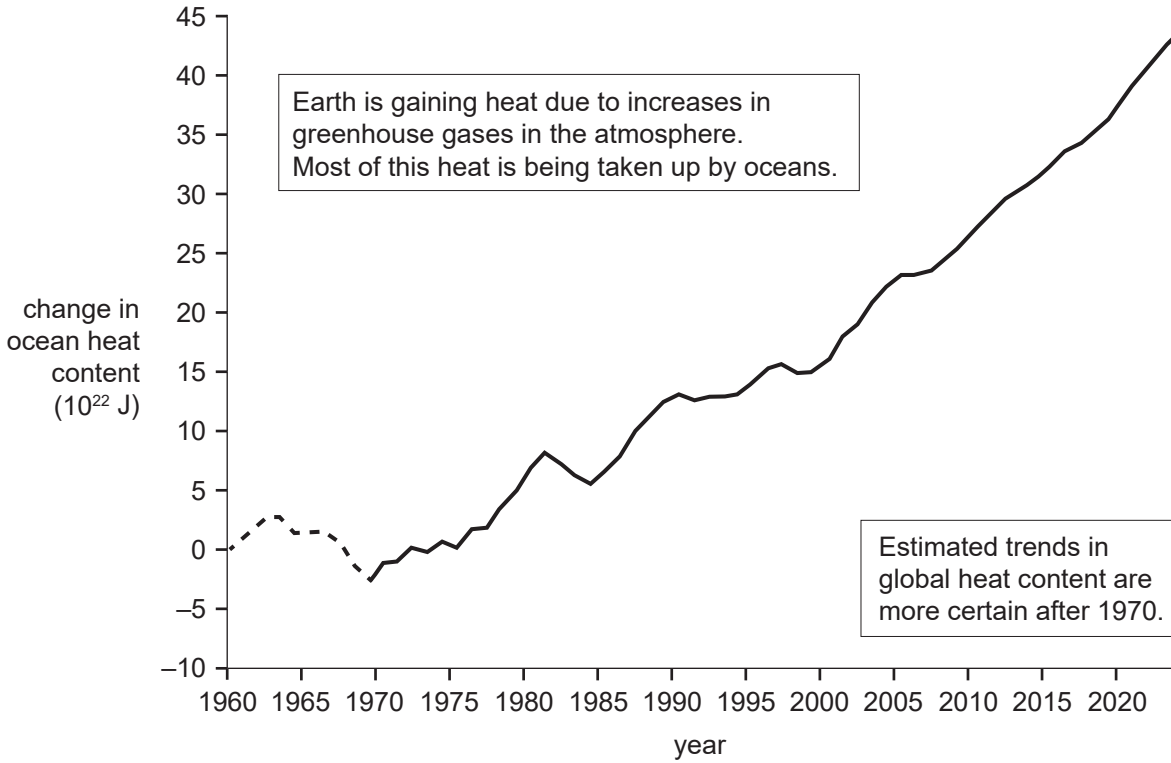
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Question 6 (3 marks)

Estimated change in ocean heat content globally averaged over the full ocean depth, 1960–2023



J – joule, a unit of energy

Source: Adapted from CSIRO, State of the Climate: Oceans, 29 October 2024, <[www.csiro.au/en/research/environmental-impacts/climate-change/state-of-the-climate/oceans](http://www.csiro.au/en/research/environmental-impacts/climate-change/state-of-the-climate/oceans)>

A rise in ocean heat, due to climate change, causes a range of environmental impacts.

Describe **one** national strategy that could address rising ocean heat. Use the graph to support your response.

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**Question 7** (3 marks)

Using an example from an outdoor environment you have visited or studied, explain how social and environmental sustainability are interdependent.

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**Question 8** (4 marks)

Analyse the impact that **one** environmental threat, other than climate change, has on society and outdoor environments.

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**Question 10** (7 marks)

A local council has decided to create a new 10-hectare park. The park will include public spaces for walking, bike riding and exploration. It will adjoin private farmland. The council is looking to implement a joint management approach where Indigenous and non-Indigenous land managers work together to care for the land. The council is developing a management plan and is asking for input from the community.

- a. Describe an Indigenous peoples' and a non-Indigenous peoples' land management strategy for the new park.

4 marks

Indigenous peoples' strategy \_\_\_\_\_

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Non-Indigenous peoples' strategy \_\_\_\_\_

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- b. Evaluate **one** community action that could support the health of the new park.

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**Question 11** (5 marks)

Compare **two** individual actions that could be used to sustain an outdoor environment you have visited or studied.

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**Question 12** (9 marks)

The new Eastern Wilderness Walk was created in consultation and partnership with local farmers and landowners. The walk was built around remnant vegetation and passes through wetlands and the habitat of a range of native plants and animals. Unfortunately, the walk has problems caused by the spread of a soil-borne pathogen, cinnamon fungus (*Phytophthora cinnamomi*). Park rangers are also having trouble with introduced species such as foxes and rabbits.

Select **two** Acts or conventions in the table below, by numbering the cell next to each with '1' and '2'.

Number	Act or convention
	<i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Amendment Act 2019</i> (Vic)
	Ramsar Convention (international treaty, 1971)
	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth)
	<i>Victorian Environmental Assessment Council Act 2001</i> (Vic)
	<i>Planning Environment Act 1987</i> (Vic)

















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