Geography Advanced Subsidiary Paper 1: Dynamic Landscapes	





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Total reported economic damage caused by tectonic hazards between 1996 and 2016





Past and predicted changes in the global permafrost area

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Kite diagrams showing footpath erosion in two areas near Easedale Tarn, Lake District

The following resources relate to Question 4.

- The Southern Alps run south-west to north-east along New Zealand's South Island; a landscape created by tectonic, weather and glacial processes.
- The mountains are formed along the Alpine Fault, a largely conservative plate boundary with the plates moving at least 30mm/year. The plates also move towards each other, with uplift of about 7mm/year, and occasionally, much larger uplift.

• The prevailing north-westerly winds (Roaring Forties) deliver extreme weather to the Southern Alps, including very high precipitation (snow/rain) of up to 10,000mm/year.

• There are over 3,000 glaciers in the Southern Alps, most of which move rapidly down the very steep slopes to the ocean.











- Grows in height by 5–10mm/ year due to tectonic uplifting.
- Surrounded by cirques, many of which feed valley glaciers.

2a. Fox Glacier

- Ice flows downhill up to 7 metres a day.
- Causes rapid glacial erosional processes creating new valley landforms.



2b. Lower Fox Valley glacial trough

- Subaerial processes (e.g. freeze-thaw) result in freshly weathered rock surfaces and mass movement.
- Many complex depositional landforms found on the valley floor.

Figure 4d

Distinctive landscapes in the Southern Alps

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Global sea level changes before and after 1950



The following resources relate to Question 7.

- The Southern Alps run south-west to north-east along New Zealand's South Island; a landscape created by tectonic, weather and marine processes.
- The mountains are formed along the Alpine Fault, a largely conservative plate boundary with the plates moving at least 30mm/year. The plates also move towards each other, with uplift of about 7mm/year, and occasionally, much larger uplift.
- The Cook Strait was partly formed by eustatic sea level rise; the natural gap between the two coastlines funnels powerful winds and tides through the strait.
- On some sections of the coast, long-term but also sudden tectonic events create raised beaches and steeper slopes that are vulnerable to mass movement. In other areas, coastal erosion is exposing older rock.

Figure 7a

Information about the coastal landscape of New Zealand



Figure 7b

A simplified cross-section of Turakirae Head



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1. Turakirae Head raised beach and fossil cliff

- Successive earthquakes have caused sudden uplift of the beach level (e.g. 2.5 metres in 1855).
- Mass movement processes have left ridges of large boulders.

2. Cook Strait

- Mainly steep cliffs are battered by the Roaring Forties with a fetch of over 2,000km producing wave heights frequently over 5m and tidal flows approximately every 6-8 hours.
- Erosional processes have eroded cliffs on average 1-2 metres/year.

3. Punakaiki Rocks

 Less jointed limestone forms stacks, raised up by tectonic processes.

Figure 7d

Distinctive landscapes along New Zealand's coastline

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