

Exam Practice Guide

Units 3 & 4

**Outdoor and Environmental Studies
Examination Questions**

Key Features:

- ✓ 66 original examination style questions on all examinable topics.
- ✓ Full solutions and a marking guide to all questions.
- ✓ Separated into key topic areas within each Area of Study, enabling students to master one topic at a time.
- ✓ Written by VCE assessors who mark the real examinations.
- ✓ Excellent resource for examination practice.

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AREA OF STUDY 1: Historical Relationships with Outdoor Environments**Topic 1 – The Australian environment before human habitation****Question 1**

Read the quote below from Dr. Tim Flannary's, Australian of the Year address, 23 January 2002 titled 'The day, the land, the people' and answer the attached questions.

'Despite its relative stability, this ancient Australia was no paradise. Its soils were by far the poorest and most fragile of any continent, its rainfall the most variable, and its rivers the most ephemeral (temporary). It was a harsh land for any creature that demanded much from it, and as a result, energy efficiency is the hallmark of Australia's plants, animals and human cultures.'

- a. Describe** three characteristics that shaped the unique Australian environment before the arrival of humans.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3 marks

- b. Identify** one native Australian fauna or flora and **describe** the adaptations it has experienced to survive the unique Australian environment.

Native Australian fauna or flora _____

3 marks

- c. **Describe**, using specific examples, how the following factors have influenced the unique Australian environment.

Biological isolation _____

Geological stability _____

Climatic variations _____

2 + 2 + 2 = 6 marks
Total 12 marks

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