

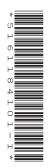
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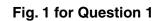
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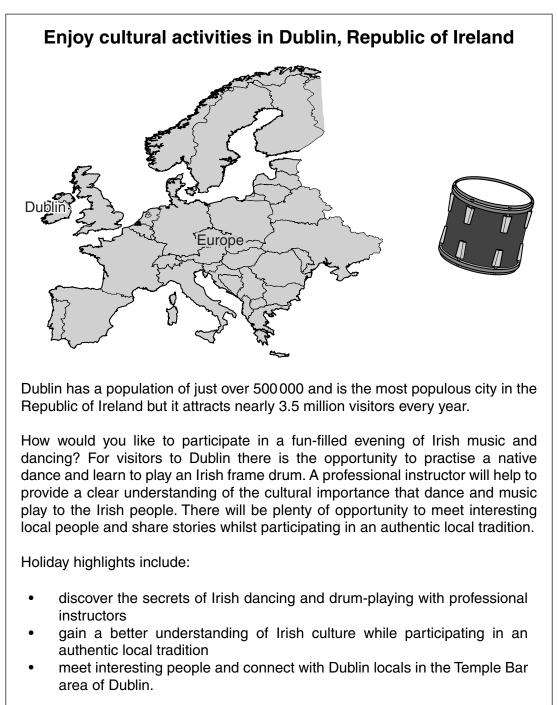


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Fig. 2 for Question 2

Endangered flora in Mauritius

Mauritius has been ranked by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as having the third most endangered flora in the world. Around 200 of the 315 endemic (native) plant species are threatened and Mauritius may already have lost as many as 70 plant species. It is the role of the IUCN to help the world to find workable solutions to development that affects the environment.

Facts about Mauritius

- dense forest once covered all of Mauritius but with the arrival of people the forests were logged and cleared for construction and agriculture so now less than 2% of the native forest remains
- Mauritius still retains a rich and diverse flora, with more than 670 species of flowering plants of which 315 are endemic
- around 200 of these endemic species are threatened and some 50 have only 10 plants left in the wild
- many plant species are restricted to small patches of native forest in mountainous areas, the national park, nature reserves and small offshore islands



Fig. 2

Fig. 3 for Question 2

Ecotourism in Mauritius

Mauritius is not just about the sea, the beaches and the sun. There is also an important growing market in Mauritius – ecotourism. Mauritius is attempting to manage adventure tourism combined with ecotourism.

Adventure trips are now available for visitors to explore the beautiful landscape in exciting and unusual ways. These include sea kayaking, mountain biking and hiking, all of which can be organised for any level from beginner to expert. All trips are carried out with a total respect towards the environment and each visitor is helped to understand the importance of landscape preservation. The trips are all small in scale, informative and always attempt to give something back to the area. Not only do visitors see some of the most beautiful places but there are opportunities to learn more about the fauna and flora and what is being done towards its preservation, making each trip a unique and enriching experience.

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