

INITIAL IMPRESSIONS

Task A1: Examine the eight photographs (Figure A6 A - H) and write down your observations in the spaces below. Treat the four images as representative of a single region. In each case can you suggest a major issue that applies to that topic?

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| SOILS | |
| VEGETATION | |
| CLIMATIC CONDITIONS | |
| WATER SUPPLY | |
| HUMAN ACTIVITY | |

Fig. A5: Initial impressions recording sheet

Photo.A6: Initial Impressions



Photo A



Photo B

Photo.A6: Initial Impressions (Continued)



Photo C



Photo D

Photo.A6: Initial Impressions (Continued)



Photo E



Photo F

Photo.A6: Initial Impressions (Continued)



Photo G



Photo H

APPENDIX 2:

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Comments on the photographs in Figure A6

Photo. A: Open basalt desert East of Safawi

Expanses of heavily weathered basalt boulders that have been cleared by the Bedouin over the years to create patches where vegetation for grazing might grow.

Issues: Climate; water supply; survival.

Photo. B: Grazing flock south of Safawi

Many sheep; minimal vegetation.

Issues: Desertification; Water supply; Sustainability.

Photo. C: Growing tomatoes near to Umm al-Quttayn

Issues: Water supply; Soil exhaustion.

Photo. D: Flash flooding

A lorry sinks into the softened soils, shedding its load of limestone blocks.

Issues: Weather extremes; Communications; Resource extraction.

Photo. E: Pumped water for irrigation

Issues: Appropriate farming; water harvesting v. pumped

Photo. F: Prospecting for oil shale

A huge bulldozer clears lines across the desert to allow easier access for echo sounding.

Issues: Resource extraction; Pollution; Desertification; Landscape modification.

Photo. G: Goat dung collection

One family collects goat dung to make briquettes for fuel.

Issues: Recycling.

Photo. H: The future?

What is the future for these youngsters in the village of Al-Mukaftah?

Issues: Education; Health care; Employment.