

Concept: Sustainable Development

Assessment Task

Understanding the concept of sustainable development (Individual activity) (LO2 AS1)

Read the definition and explanation of sustainable development below and answer the questions that follow on your workbook.

The most common definition of sustainable development is: 'Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.'
There are three pillars to sustainable development. These pillars, which appear in the slogan used at the World Summit for Sustainable Development, are 'Care and respect for People; Planet; and Prosperity'. All three these aspects are equally important and should be addressed at the same time. The pillar called 'People' has to do with poverty alleviation. 'Planet' deals with conservation. 'Prosperity' deals with business development.

- a) What does 'compromise' mean in this context? [1 mark]
- b) What is 'the World Summit for Sustainable Development'? [3 marks]
- c) What are the three pillars of sustainable development? [3 marks]
- d) Why are the three pillars equally important and why should they be addressed at the same time? [4 marks]
- e) Explain in your own words what sustainable development is. [1 mark]

[Total: 12 marks]

