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This question is about the Earth's atmosphere.

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Carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas.

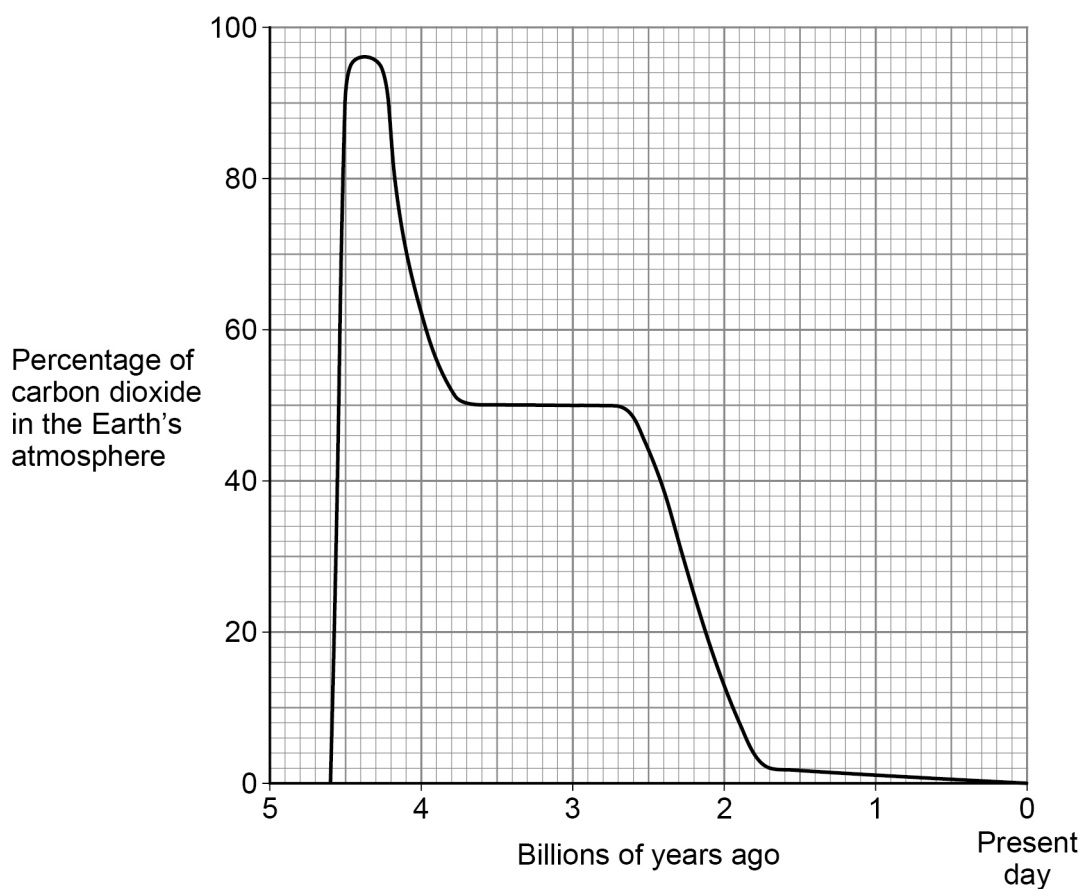
The greenhouse effect happens in four stages.

The four stages are:

Stage **A**      Carbon dioxide stops longer wavelength radiation escapingStage **B**      Radiation is absorbed by the EarthStage **C**      Longer wavelength radiation is emittedStage **D**      Shorter wavelength radiation enters the atmosphereWhat is the correct order of stages **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**?**[1 mark]**Tick (✓) **one** box.**C, A, B, D**☐**C, D, B, A**☐**D, B, C, A**☐**D, C, B, A**☐**Question 6 continues on the next page****Turn over ►**

**Figure 6** shows how the percentage of carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere has changed over 4.6 billion years.

**Figure 6**



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The mass of gas in Earth's atmosphere remains constant at  $5.15 \times 10^{18}$  kg

Determine the maximum mass of carbon dioxide that was in the Earth's atmosphere.

Use **Figure 6**.

**[3 marks]**

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Mass of carbon dioxide = \_\_\_\_\_ kg



Describe the processes that have caused the main **changes** in the percentage of carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere over the last 4.6 billion years.

**[6 marks]**

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.1	D B C A		1	AO1 5.9.2.1
06.2	(maximum % =) 96 (%)	allow a value in the range 95 to 97 (%)	1	AO2 5.9.1.1 5.9.1.2 5.9.1.4 5.9.2.2
	(maximum mass =) $\frac{96}{100} \times 5.15 \times 10^{18}$	allow correct use of incorrectly determined percentage	1	
	= $4.94 \times 10^{18}$ (kg)	allow $4.944 \times 10^{18}$ (kg)	1	

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06.3	<b>Level 2:</b> Scientifically relevant facts, events or processes are identified and given in detail to form an accurate account.	4–6	AO1 5.9.1.1 5.9.1.2 5.9.1.3 5.9.1.4 5.9.2.2
	<b>Level 1:</b> Facts, events or processes are identified and simply stated but their relevance is not clear.	1–3	
	<b>No relevant content</b>	0	
	<b>Indicative content:</b>  during the first billion years of the Earth’s existence carbon dioxide levels increased due to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• intense volcanic activity</li> </ul> from 4.4 to 2.7 billion years ago carbon dioxide levels decreased as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• water vapour condensed to form oceans</li> <li>• carbon dioxide dissolved in the oceans</li> <li>• carbonates precipitated</li> <li>• sedimentary rocks formed</li> </ul> from 2.7 to 1.7 billion years ago carbon dioxide levels decreased as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• algae appeared</li> <li>• plants evolved</li> <li>• algae and plants photosynthesised</li> <li>• sedimentary rocks formed</li> <li>• fossil fuels formed</li> </ul> over the past 100-200 years carbon dioxide levels increased due to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the industrial revolution</li> <li>• human activity</li> <li>• the burning of fossil fuels</li> </ul>		
<b>Total</b>			<b>10</b>