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Oman summer weather

Marine Meteorological Course for Royal Oman Navy



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- Why we have seasons on earth?
- Air masses affecting Sultanate of Oman
- Cloud formation
- Convection clouds(local)?
- Monsoon







Why we have seasons on earth?

















Subject 1:

Air masses affecting Sultanate of Oman

- Air masses
- Air masses influence Sultanate of Oman Climate

Subject 1: Air masses

• Air masses are...

A large body of air sits over an area of land or water for a long period of time, it will take on the characteristics of the land or water beneath it.

• Named for their SOURCE REGION

- > Continental (c)
- > Maritime (m)
- > Arctic (A)
- Polar (P)
- > Tropical (T)
- When Air Masses move they bring their temperature and humidity to new areas.







Subject 1:Air masses influence Sultanate of Oman Climate:















Subject 2:

Cloud's formation

- Ingredients needed for cloud to form
- How does water vapour get's

into the air?

• Cloud formation mechanism

Subject 2: Ingredients needed for cloud to form



How does water vapour get's into the air?









Subject 2: Cloud formation mechanism

Air rises and the water vapour within it cools.

water vapour collides with and sticks to tiny particles floating in the air - condensation nuclei forms- which include aerosols such as salt and dust.

As vapour rises and cools, these nuclei provide the surface for the vapour to condense onto.

When enough vapour condenses around the nuclei, a cloud droplet is formed.

Then combined to make a cumulus cloud.

Sometimes these water droplets combine to become larger drops or crystals.

If they become large enough and too heavy, they will gradually fall from the sky as " precipitation".



















The sun – The sun heats the ground, which then heats the air just above it, causing it to rise upwards in the sky (warm air rises). This tends to produce cumulus clouds.

air the Subject 2: What causes rise? 2

Hills and mountains - When air is travelling towards a mountain or hill, it cannot go into the hill and so it rises upwards along the terrain. Stratus clouds are often produced this way.

Weather fronts - A weather 'front' is where warm air meets cold air. The warm air rises up and over the cold air (warm air rises). This produces nimbostratus clouds, amongst others.

Convergence - Streams of air flowing towards each other from different directions are forced to rise when they meet, or converge. This can cause cumulus cloud and showery conditions.

Turbulence - A sudden change in wind speed high up can create circulations in the air which can bring the air at the surface high up into the sky.















Subject 3:

Convection cloud

- How convection clouds form?
- 26th 28th June 2022(Local event)
- 28th July 2023(Local event)

How convection clouds form?









26th – 28th June 2022

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28th July 2023(Local event)

Main parameters:

Lifting mechanism

Humidity

High surface temperature

convergence









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Subject 5:

Monsoon

Monsoon(Background)

• Summer monsoon

• Khareef

What is monsoon?

A monsoon is a shift in winds that often causes a very rainy season or a very dry season. Although monsoons are usually associated with parts of Asia, they can happen in many tropical and subtropical regions.







What causes a monsoon?

A monsoon is caused by a seasonal shift in the winds. The winds shift because the temperature of the land and the temperature of the water are different as seasons change. For example, at the beginning of summer, the land warms up faster than bodies of water. Monsoon winds always blow from cold to warm. In the summer, warm air rising off the land creates conditions that reverse the direction of the wind

How a monsoon works









Why does a monsoon cause rain?

- The monsoons that cause heaviest rainfall are summer monsoons near the Indian Ocean. Warm water in the ocean evaporates, rising into the air. This causes the wind to change direction and moisture blows toward the land in countries such as India and Sri Lanka. The warm, moist air then condenses and becomes rain. The result is a period of humidity and heavy rainfall that can last for months.
- When the wind changes direction in the winter, it is called a winter monsoon. Winter monsoons in these regions near the Indian Ocean are usually dry.









Summer monsoon components:

Monsoon Trough

Mascarene High anti-cyclonic system

The low level cross-equatorial jet

The Tibetan high pressure system/Tropical easterly jet







Monsoon Trough

- Formed over northern India.
- Northern Hemisphere
 Summer as part of the
 global ITCZ.
- Associated with surface low pressure.

- Mascarene High anti-cyclonic system
- Situated over the south-east Indian Ocean(30° S, 50° E).
- Generates a large outflow of air.
- The air moves north
 over the equator
 where it becomes a
 south- westerly flow
 known as the low level
 cross-equatorial jet.

Low level cross-equatorial jet

Maximum intensity

from June to August.

- The jet splits in two
 - branches at around **10**°
 - N, 60° E at this time.
- Arrive over central west and southern coasts of India.
- Important for rainfall amounts over western India.

The Tibetan high pressure system/Tropical easterly jet

Upper level anticyclone.

- Located over northern India above the surface monsoon trough; (low level convergence matched by upper level divergence)
 - Well established during summer.
- Moves in a southsoutheast direction following the zone of maximum surface heating and low pressure.
- The outflow of air from the southern flank of the Tibetan high gives rise to the **Tropical easterly jet**.
- Tropical easterly jet lasts from June to September.















Difference in pressure between OOTH station and OOSA station is around 4 mb.



Temperature and Dewpoint close to each other from surface till 800 hpa

Blowing northerly winds in 700 hpa layer.

Active SW monsoon winds.

existing of thermal low over south east of Arabian peninsula.











SW winds at sfc











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