FORECAST EXERCISE

YOU ARE GIVEN 2 CASES (CASE 1 & CASE 2) DURING THE HURRICANE SEASON OF A PRE-EXISTING AREA OF DISTURBED WEATHER (ASSOCIATED WITH A TROPICAL WAVE) OVER THE CENTRAL CARIBBEAN SEA.

YOU HAVE SATELLITE IMAGERY, GFS MODEL ANALYSES AND FORECASTS AT 850, 500, 200 MB, AND SURFACE DATA PLOTS FOR TIME T (AND T-24 HOURS FOR THE SURFACE DATA). IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU PERFORM A SEA-LEVEL PRESSURE ANALYSIS FOR THESE SURFACE CHARTS, WITH A 2 MB INTERVAL FOR THE ISOBARS.

MAKE A FORECAST OF TC FORMATION FOR CASE 1 AND CASE 2. WRITE A BRIEF “TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK” (TWO) FOR EACH CASE, INCLUDING THE PROBABILITIES (TO THE NEAREST 10%) OF TC FORMATION WITHIN 48 AND 120 HOURS. WHICH CASE SEEMS MORE LIKELY TO DEVELOP, AND WHY?
Case 1
GFS 24 h
Case 1
GFS 48 h
Case 1
GFS 72 h
Case 1
GFS 120 h
...enter some discussion of the disturbance associated with Case 1 below...

...now enter the categories and percentage chances of development below...

THIS SYSTEM HAS A _____ CHANCE..._____ PERCENT...OF BECOMING A TROPICAL CYCLONE DURING THE NEXT 48 HOURS...AND A _____ CHANCE..._____ PERCENT...OF BECOMING A TROPICAL CYCLONE DURING THE NEXT 5 DAYS.
Case 2
Case 2
GFS 00 h
Case 2
GFS 24 h
Case 2
GFS 48 h
Case 1
GFS 72 h
Case 1
GFS 96 h
Case 2
GFS 120 h
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...enter some discussion of the disturbance associated with Case 2 below...

...now enter the categories and percentage chances of development below...

THIS SYSTEM HAS A _____ CHANCE..._____ PERCENT...OF BECOMING A TROPICAL CYCLONE DURING THE NEXT 48 HOURS...AND A _____ CHANCE..._____ PERCENT...OF BECOMING A TROPICAL CYCLONE DURING THE NEXT 5 DAYS.