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GEOGRAPHY

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Time: 2 hours 45 minutes

Instructions to candidates:

- *This paper consists of two sections; A and B. It has six examination items.*
- *Section A has two compulsory items.*
- *Section B has two parts; I and II. Answer one item from each part.*
- *Answer four question items in all.*
- *You may use diagrams where applicable to illustrate your answers.*
- *Any additional item(s) answered will not be scored.*
- *All answers must be written in the answer booklet(s) provided.*

Item 1:

For this item, use the East Africa 1: 50,000 (Uganda); KOC map extract sheet 22/3 series Y732, Sheet 79/3 Edition 1-U.S. D, and the information in the text to respond to the tasks.

Koc is an area found in Gulu. It has a variety of natural vegetation in form of forests, woodland, thickets and shrubs. The ministry of internal affairs has plans to resettle a group of refugees around Koc because of its sparse population. According to the resettlement plan, the refugees will be resettled in three camps, namely Lakalac mission, the sub county headquarters south of KOC trading center, and at the forested area north of Lalar. They will access Koc from Pakwach using the railway line and loose surface road. They have been allocated areas occupied by natural vegetation to use for carrying out activities that can improve their way of life during their stay in the area.

The local area secretary for environment is against the decision saying the new settlers will destroy the natural vegetation and negatively affect the area.

Accordingly, an orientation meeting to which you have been invited to participate has been organized to sensitize the new settlers. Your role in the meeting is to help the refugees locate the areas of resettlement and create awareness about sustainable utilization of natural vegetation.

- a) Using the topographic survey map, draw a sketch map of the area and show areas where the refugees camps will be set up and the transport routes they will use.
- b) Prepare a write up you will use to sensitize the refugee community during the meeting.

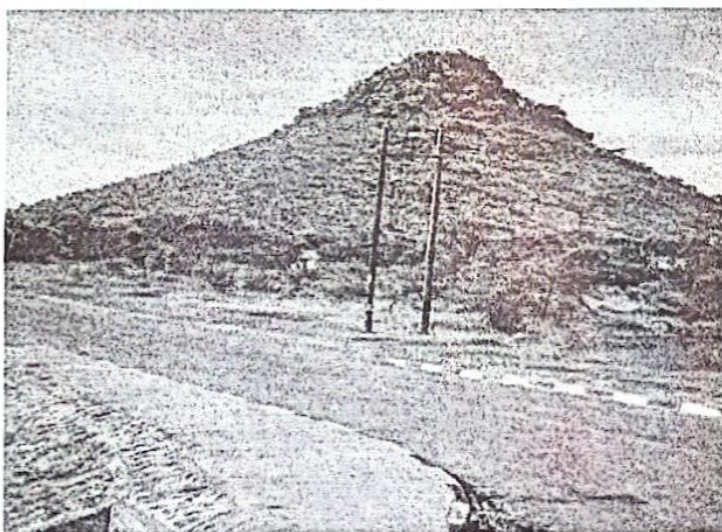
Item 2

For this item, use the information in the photograph and the text to respond to the task

You and your family recently shifted to stay in the area shown on the photograph. The area has natural resources which can be used for generating income if they are developed. Your parents are not sure of the income-generating activities they can use the land for in order to earn good income. They have asked you to advise them on the best ways they can use the land.

Your advice must take into consideration environmental concerns.

Task:



- a) Using a sketch, illustrate the outlook of the area
- b) Suggest to your family members, possible income-generating activities that can be carried out in the area.

Item 3

East Africa is made up of a variety of water resources like lakes, rivers, streams, springs and wetlands. These form part of the 70% water resources that cover the earth.

Two Canadian tourists Kelly and Ken visited East Africa to explore its diverse water resources. During their tour, they visited Lakes Victoria, Albert, Kyoga, Tanganyika and Turkana. They enjoyed boat rides along rivers Nile and Tana. They were unhappy that many people living along these water resources were living in poverty.

The Ministry of Water and Environment in Uganda has organized an essay writing competition for schools, on the theme *"Sustainable Utilization of Water resources for Economic Development"*. You have been selected to represent your school. The essay should create awareness about the opportunities provided by water resources for economic development and improvement in community livelihoods.

Task:

- Draw a sketch map of East Africa and on it locate the drainage features that Kelly and Ken visited.
- Write an essay that you will present at the competition.

Item 4

A foreign investment company has obtained a license to invest in the highland regions of East Africa because of their unique characteristics like the cool, moist climate with temperatures between 15°C – 25°C and heights ranging between 1500 – 1600 meters above sea level. They are aware that despite occasional hazards like landslides and eruptions in these relief regions, they have significant opportunities for development if they are well developed. When they come in East Africa they plan to settle their families in the plains. The company manager has hired you as a consultant.

Your role in this consultancy is to prepare a report to the company management with information about the location of the relief regions where they intend to invest and settle and propose suitable economic activities they can do in the highland regions.

Task:

- Draw a sketch-map of East Africa and show the location of the relief regions where they will settle and invest.
- Advise the company on the investment opportunities in the regions where they will invest.

Item 5

Investment in Transport infrastructure is very important for national development. Uganda's budget allocations for transport infrastructure for the last five years is shown in the table below:

Financial year	Amount in trillions of shillings
2020/2021	5.8
2021/2022	4.1
2022/2023	4.3
2023/2024	4.5
2024/2025	5.0

Adapted: Daily monitor newspaper (Wednesday, August 6, 2025)

The Ministry of Works and Transport has expressed concern about underfunding of transport infrastructure development, saying five trillion is too small to maintain the road sector across the country and implement the standard gauge railway project. The ministry wants the budget allocation for the next financial year to increase to 10 trillion shillings. This proposal is being rejected by members of the budget committee of parliament.

You have been asked by the ministry officials to talk to the members of the budget committee of parliament about the need to support the proposal to increase funding for transport infrastructure as a requirement for national development.

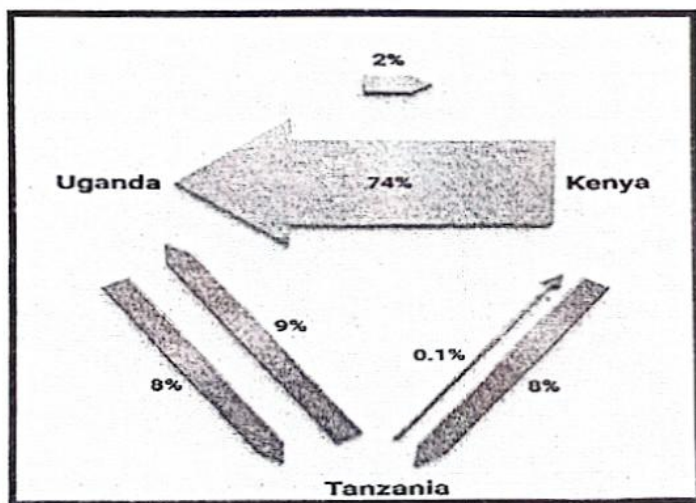
Task:

- Draw a suitable graph to illustrate the information in the table.
- Write a speech you will present to the members of the budget committee of parliament.

Item 6

The East African Community (EAC) bringing together Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania was revived in 1999 to boost inter-regional trade through a customs union and common market. Yet two decades later, trade among the three countries remains surprisingly low, accounting for less than 15% of their total global trade. By comparison, intra-regional trade in the EU exceeds 60%, and blocs like SADC and ECOWAS achieve 20-25%.

During the EAC Annual Trade Conference to which you were invited, the EAC Secretariat summarized East Africa's trade patterns using the flow diagram; Fig 1 below. The main presenter highlighted problems of political mistrust, high toxins in crop exports, limited digital exposure, delays at border posts, the narrow-gauge railway yet only 40% of the region's paved roads are in good condition among the EAC countries.



Adapted: Lands and Peoples of East Africa (page 206)

Your role at the conference is to explain ways that can be adapted to overcome the problems that affect trade in East Africa.

Task:

- Using information in the scenario and flow diagram, describe the trend of East Africa trade
- Prepare a write-up you will present at the conference.