

Geography II

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SUBJECT: GEOGRAPHY

PAPER 2: ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY

DURATION : 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

This paper consists of **TWO** Sections, A and B.

Attempt **ALL** questions in section A.

(55 marks)

Attempt **THREE** questions in section B.

(45 marks)

SECTION A : Answer all questions (55 marks)

1. (a) State two characteristics of subsistence farming. **(2 marks)**
(b) Describe four advantages of large scale farming. **(4 marks)**
2. Give and explain two problems caused by the exploitation of swamps in Rwanda. **(2 marks)**
3. What two reasons explain why irrigation is not practiced on a large scale in Rwanda? **(2 marks)**
4. (a) Explain what you understand by zero grazing and show why it is important in a country like Rwanda. **(2 marks)**
(b) Give and explain two problems faced by dairy farmers. **(2 marks)**
5. The Northern part of Rwanda is famous for attracting tourists.
(a) Name two tourist attractions found in this area. **(2 marks)**
(b) What threats do some tourist attractions face in Rwanda? **(2 marks)**
6. (a) Explain the problems faced by the government of Rwanda in conserving forests. **(2 marks)**
(b) Describe 4 problems that affect the fishing industry in Rwanda. **(4 marks)**
7. (a) What is a population census? **(1 mark)**
(b) Give two reasons to explain why Rwanda carried out a population census in August 2012. **(2 marks)**
8. (a) Mention two countries through which the river Nile flows. **(2 marks)**
(b) Describe two important uses of river Nile to the countries mentioned in (a) above. **(2 marks)**
9. Name two deserts found in Africa and explain how they affect the countries in which they are found. **(4 marks)**
10. What economic advantages do countries of East Africa that border the Indian Ocean have over landlocked countries such as Rwanda? **(2 marks)**
11. (a) What is the importance of transport and communication to Africa? **(4 marks)**
(b) What advantages does air transport have over road transport? **(3 marks)**

12. China is one of the most industrialized countries in the world.
- (a) Give three factors that have favoured industrialization in China. **(3 marks)**
 - (b) Give 4 problems that have resulted from this industrialization. **(3 marks)**
13. (a) Give three reasons to explain why developing countries like Rwanda and Burundi export raw unprocessed goods such as coffee, tea, gold etc instead of manufactured goods. **(3 marks)**
14. Although USA is a great producer of crude oil, it still imports a lot of oil from other producers. Explain why it imports more fuel. **(2 marks)**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY 3 QUESTIONS OF YOUR CHOICE (45 MARKS)

15. (a) Describe the major factors responsible for environmental degradation in Rwanda. **(9 marks)**
- (b) What are some of the solutions to the problems mentioned in (a) above? **(6 marks)**
16. (a) Describe the causes for the low level of food production in Rwanda. **(8 marks)**
- (b) How can food production be increased in Rwanda? **(7 marks)**
17. (a) Give and explain the effects of deforestation in any country you are familiar with. **(10 marks)**
- (b) Explain the solutions to the problems of deforestation. **(5 marks)**
18. (a) What are the factors that favour mineral exploitation in any country? **(9 marks)**
- (b) What is the importance of mining to the development of countries concerned? **(6 marks)**
19. (a) Explain how the cotton grown in Southern United States of America is used. **(6 marks)**
- (b) Giving an example of California, give the factors that have favoured market gardening. **(9 marks)**
20. (a) Explain the causes of population growth in Africa. **(10 marks)**
- (b) Give and explain 5 problems resulting from high population. **(5 marks)**