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Geography

Paper 1

2 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours



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GEOGRAPHY

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2 hours 45 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS:

- ✓ 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** 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.

SECTION A: Map and Photograph Skills

Answer all items in this section

Item 1: Map skills

For this item use the East Africa 1:50,000 (UGANDA): NAKASONGOLA Map Extract, sheet 50/2 series Y732. Edition 1 – U.S.D to respond to the tasks.

Your school in Nakasongola is preparing a cross-country event on the 15th August 2025. This will cover a distance of 22.2km. the starting and end point will be at the road junction to the immediate north of Nakasongola ginnery. The first leg will run westwards, south of Sungira and Lubani hills and north of Wakibombo and Kakondi hills. This lap will cover 5.2 km up to the next road junction. At this road junction the participants will then turn southwards passing by a forest to the north west of Kakondi hill. They will turn and run south east through Wabulime to wabigalo. This leg is to cover 9.2km.

The third and last leg will have the participants turn northwards running directly to the end point. This will cover 7.8 km.

The sports teacher has not marked out this route yet, and has put the trust in you a geography student who has learnt about map reading and map use to help in this task.

Task:

- a) (i) Using a simple sketch, draw the route to be followed by the participants.\
- (ii) Mark out at least 10 check points along the route.
- b) You have been given land in Matugo in grid square 4346. Study the area and in your opinion, giving reasons for your response, suggest the problems that you may face in trying to develop your land and give the possible solutions.

Item 2: Photograph Skills

Uganda has been gifted with a number of tourist attractions ranging from the good climatic conditions, relief and wildlife. This has attracted increasing numbers of Tourists hence earning the country millions of dollars.

In 2018 for example, earnings rose from 94 million US dollars (2017) to 1.52 billion US dollars.

In 2020, these earnings however reduced to 518 million US dollar. However, by 2023, the earnings had risen to 1.3 billion US dollars contributing to 7.7% of the country's gross income. The government and private sectors have increasingly invested in tourist facilities to tap the benefits.

However, a number of challenges too still face the sector including pandemics and insecurity.

Support material



Task:

- Draw a sketch of the photograph showing the features.
- Advise the ministry of Tourism, wildlife and antiquities on the services that may be wanted by the Tourists in the area.
 - Explain why its increasingly becoming important to preserve large areas under such activity.

SECTION B

This section has two parts, I and II

Part I- Answer one item from this part

Item 3

Study the text provided and use it to answer this item.

A community group to which you belong has organised a study tour to the shores of Lake Victoria. The members are eager to see physically what they have for long been hearing about. Some of these features have even been hard to imagine their appearance and formation. The group's trust is in you to help them out when you reach the site.

Support material



Task:

- Describe to your colleagues the formation of any six wave erosional features that you may be able to see.
- Explain the influence of these features on human activities.

Item 4

The general relief of East Africa is majorly made of plains, the plateau which has been dissected by a number of rivers, the rift valley areas and the highlands.

Mountain Elgon in Eastern Uganda happens to a home to a variety of fauna ad flora. In addition, there are fertile soils and heavy rains on the wind ward side which can support crop growth all the year.

The rains here are over 1500 mm per annum. Such rains and the gradient has given rise to many rivers. Rivers like Sipi with their waterfalls have even made the highlands a more attractive site. Despite all this, the area has remained under developed leaving it backward. As a student who is aware of the challenges of hilly areas;

Task:

- a) Explain to the residents the likely cause of under development in the area.
- b) Sensitize the local people on how best the area can be developed.

PART II

Answer one item from this part.

Item 5

The leaders of the East African countries agree that the only way of developing the region is through the development of transport networks.

The Kenyan leader has laid emphasis on the cheaper railway transport to the level of having some sections electrified.

Uganda through the co-operation with Chinas has constructed high ways to ease movements. Other members in the trading block too have come to benefit from the modified routes. Large areas however still face underdeveloped transport routes leading to loss of their goods. This is due to ignorance of other forms of transport in the area. The traders need to be informed about other means of transport in the region.

You have been invited in the traders meeting to discuss the way forward to stop such a trend.

Transport mode	Percentage
Water	18.4
Air	16.4
Road	57.7
Pipeline	2.1
Other	5.4

Task:

- a) Draw a suitable statistical diagram to show how each means of transport is used by traders.
- b) In your opinion, explain the other challenges facing the transport sector in the region and suggest possible ways to overcome the suggested challenges

Item 6

For a long time, Uganda has been a major exporter of raw material or semi-processed agricultural products and minerals. The country has continued to import a variety of high value industrial products. A lot of the foreign exchange earnings has been spent on these through trade with other countries like Kenya. To date, Uganda has designed programs aimed at transforming the raw materials to another state before export. This is value addition. The head of state has insisted on establishment of industries. Industrial parks have been established to ensure that there is processing of commodities.

Year	Exports Million US dollars	Imports Million US dollars
2016	442.9	542.7
2017	551.0	519.3
2018	580.3	559.3
2019	442.7	785.2

Source: Active Geography students book 3.

Task:

- Draw a suitable graph to show the trend of Uganda's trade with Kenya.
- What are the consequences of such a trend on Uganda's economy and what measures can be taken to have a favourable position in this trade.

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