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GENERAL STUDIES

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

Time: 2 Hours 30 Minutes *2009 February, 09 Monday a.m.*

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper consists of **16** questions in sections A, B, C and D.
2. Answer **four (4)** questions, choosing **one (1)** question from each section.
3. All questions carry equal marks.
4. Cellular phones are **not** allowed in the examination room.
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SECTION A

COMMUNICATION

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

The struggle for survival and the fast growth of the population in developing countries has led to the birth of urban centres. This urbanization tendency is associated with enormous demands for shelter, clothing, water, food, sanitation, education, medicare, transportation, communication, recreation facilities and other services which support life. The migratory tendency of the energetic middle aged people to urban centres is encouraged by the fact that urban centres are thought to have employment opportunities with better remuneration terms.

As evidenced in developed countries, urbanization is an important dimension of economic and social progress. Urbanization is characterized by high life expectancy, high literacy rates, more school enrolment, high usage of mass media, improved medicare, high calorific and protein consumption and high income per capita.

With population influx, congestion has become a major problem and this in turn has contributed to the establishment of unplanned and disorganized urban centres as facilities to cope with the inflow are almost non-existent. These disorganized urban centres lack technical skills in building and managing the centres. This has led to constructing structures of low standards using inappropriate building materials. Power and water supplies are intermittent and no efforts are made to conserve them.

There are neither methods of treating nor disposing off the waste. The centres are stinking. Where transport and communication exist, they work below expectations. All innovative efforts are frustrated by lack of capital which would have enhanced better urbanization processes.

(a) Suggest a suitable title for this passage.

(b) From the passage, what factors have contributed to the birth of urban centres?

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(c) According to the author, what is the major indicator for the growth of urbanization?

(d) What is the major problem associated with population influx in the urban centres?

(e) From the passage, compare and contrast urban centres in developed countries with those in developing countries.

2. Discuss the factors that contribute to communication breakdown.

3. Assess the role of debates in secondary schools in Tanzania.

4. Describe the consequences of freedom of the press in Tanzania since 1992.

SECTION B

CULTURE, PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

5. The study of African culture cannot be divorced from the major historical events which have been taking place in the World. Justify this statement with reference to colonialism.

6. Examine critically how Christianity facilitated the spread of Western culture in Africa.

7. Identify and explain the important policies that enhanced the philosophy of socialism and self-reliance in Tanzania.

8. Explain how some of our preserved socio-cultural values may hinder reproductive health and development.

SECTION C

POLITICS, SOCIO-ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

9. By drawing examples from Tanzania, describe the fundamental functions of political parties.

10. Health care is one of the major socio-economic problems affecting most of Tanzanians. Show how the society can refrain from such problems.

11. To what extent does the formation of the East African Cooperation constitute a departure from the East African Community?

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12. Examine how the Tanzania Parliament is empowered by the Constitution to control Executive branch against abuse of power.

SECTION D

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT

13. Analyse the qualities of appropriate technology to be considered when transferring technology from developed countries to Tanzania.

14. Examine the efforts made by the Tanzania government to promote science and technology.

15. Discuss the problems caused by the dependency on wood fuel in Tanzania.

16. Despite its positive influence to development, the exploitation of natural resources leads to environmental degradation. By using irrigation schemes ascertain this statement

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