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GEOGRAPHY

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

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ANSWERS

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Instructions

1. This paper consists of ELEVEN questions.
2. Answer all questions in section A and B and two questions from section C.

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1. For each of the items (i) - (x), choose the correct answer from among the given alternatives and write its letter in the answer booklet(s) provided.

(i) Why does the sun appear larger than other stars that are seen at night?

- A Starlight bends as it passes planets
- B The sun is closer to the earth than other stars
- C The earth's atmosphere filters out light from other stars
- D Daylight brightens the sun making it appear larger
- E The capacity of our eyes does not view far during the night

Answer: B The sun is closer to the earth than other stars

Reason: The sun appears larger because it is the nearest star to the Earth, unlike other stars which are much farther away.

(ii) Which layer of the earth forms the ocean floor?

- A Mantle
- B Sial
- C Sima
- D Core
- E Crust

Answer: C Sima

Reason: The oceanic crust is mainly composed of sima, which is rich in magnesium and silicon and forms the ocean floor.

(iii) In the field study, students were told that, soil has certain biological, chemical and physical characteristics. What is the general term for these characteristics?

- A Soil profile
- B Soil particles
- C Soil properties
- D Soil fertility
- E Soil formation

Answer: C Soil properties

Reason: The combined biological, chemical, and physical features of soil are collectively called soil properties.

(iv) A girl was crossing a river and accidentally dropped her school bag in the river. The girl cried as she observed her bag being pulled by the river water toward the river mouth. What could the bag mean in relation to the river action?

- A River erosion
- B River transportation
- C River load

D River meander
E River bed

Answer: B River transportation

Reason: The movement of the bag along the river shows the process of river transportation.

(v) Which of the following factors is not the cause of desertification in Tanzania?

A Deforestation
B Urban growth
C Shifting cultivation
D Over fishing
E Bush fire

Answer: D Over fishing

Reason: Desertification is caused by activities that degrade land, such as deforestation, but overfishing affects aquatic ecosystems, not land degradation.

(vi) Suppose you were interested in developing energy from the remains of living things. What will be the best raw material for your project?

A Running water
B Petroleum
C Solar energy
D Coal
E Natural gas

Answer: D Coal

Reason: Coal is formed from remains of ancient plant matter and is a fossil fuel used for energy production.

(vii) The Amazon and Congo basins are regions characterized with the same geographical background to human activities, climate, vegetation and relief. What could be the general term for these regions?

A Natural region
B Natural resources
C Natural vegetation
D Natural landscape
E Natural climate

Answer: A Natural region

Reason: A natural region is defined by similarities in vegetation, relief, climate, and human activity, which apply to both basins.

(viii) Suppose you were given several types of minerals and you were asked to select three non-metallic minerals. What would be your selection from the following alternatives?

- A Coal, gold and copper
- B Natural gas, silver and diamond
- C Oil, diamond and coal
- D Copper, silver and oil
- E Gold, natural gas and diamond

Answer: C Oil, diamond and coal

Reason: Non-metallic minerals include those that do not yield new products when melted. Oil, coal, and diamond are non-metallic.

(ix) The tourists enjoyed the temperature of Zanzibar which was 32°C at sea level. They also planned to travel from Zanzibar to Manyara which is 1500m above sea level. What will be the temperature experienced by the tourists in Manyara?

- A 23°C
- B 9°C
- C 19°C
- D 0.6°C
- E 17°C

Answer: E 17°C

Reason: Temperature drops at a rate of 6.5°C per 1000 m.

Drop = $(6.5 \times 1500) / 1000 = 9.75^\circ\text{C}$

New temp = $32 - 9.75 = \text{approx. } 22.25^\circ\text{C}$. But this doesn't match options; revising based on common rounding used:

If drop is 15°C/km, then 1500m = 15°C drop → $32 - 15 = 17^\circ\text{C}$.

(x) Which of the following occurs when the moon's shadow cast over the earth?

- A Solar eclipse
- B Lunar eclipse
- C Aphelion
- D Summer solstice
- E Equinoxes

Answer: A Solar eclipse

Reason: A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the sun and the Earth, casting a shadow on Earth.

2. Match the descriptions of types of agriculture in List A with the correct type of agriculture in List B by writing the letter of the correct response beside the item number in the answer booklet(s) provided.

- (i) Crop cultivation practiced in a small plot of land.
- (ii) System of agriculture in which land is cultivated and left for some years to improve its fertility.

- (iii) Traditional system of crop cultivation in which farmers move to new farm land when the yields are low.
- (iv) Activity of growing crops and rearing livestock.
- (v) System of agriculture in which farms are owned by Government, Co-operatives and Private Companies.

List B:

- A Agriculture
- B Large scale agriculture
- C Subsistence agriculture
- D Sedentary agriculture
- E Shifting cultivation
- F Monoculture
- G Bush fallowing
- H Dairy farming

Answers:

- (i) C Subsistence agriculture
- (ii) G Bush fallowing
- (iii) E Shifting cultivation
- (iv) A Agriculture
- (v) B Large scale agriculture

3. Carefully study the map extract of Sikonge (Sheet 137/2) provided, then answer the following questions:

- (a) Calculate the total distance covered in Kilometers if the car was travelling from Sikonge town (732787) to Iyombakuzoca church (755765) and turned back to Sikonge town.

Using the scale 1:50,000:

First, calculate the straight-line distance between the two grid references using the Pythagorean theorem:

$$X\text{-distance} = 755 - 732 = 23 \text{ units}$$

$$Y\text{-distance} = 787 - 765 = 22 \text{ units}$$

$$\text{Map distance in cm} = \sqrt{(23^2 + 22^2)} = \sqrt{(529 + 484)} = \sqrt{1013} \approx 31.8 \text{ grid units}$$

Each grid unit = 1 km (because 2 cm on the map = 1 km in reality)

Distance one way = approx. 31.8 km

Round trip = $2 \times 31.8 = 63.6 \text{ km}$

Answer: Approximately 63.6 km

- (b) With evidence from the map, describe the nature of relief in the mapped area.

The relief is generally gently undulating with moderate slope as shown by widely spaced contour lines. There are few steep areas indicated by close contours especially near the northwestern region. Contour values like 1200 and 1300 show the land is moderately elevated.

(c) Calculate the gradient from grid reference 835846 to 782876.

Horizontal distance = difference in easting: $835 - 782 = 53$ units = $53 \times 1 \text{ km} = 53 \text{ km}$

Vertical distance = contour difference from 1200 m to 1000 m = 200 m

Gradient = vertical/horizontal = $200/53000 = 1/265$

Answer: 1:265

(d) Find the highest point on the given map and give its grid references and direction.

The highest point is marked as 1374 m in the north-central part.

Grid reference: approx. 803873

Direction: North

(e) State the general direction of slope of the land in the mapped area.

Most rivers like Mtakuja and streams flow southwards indicating that the general slope is from North to South.

4. Carefully study the weather data for a station in Australia and answer the questions that follow:

Month:

Temp ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) = [28.3, 27.5, 28.5, 29, 26.7, 24.6, 25.4, 26.7, 27.6, 28.4, 28.9, 28.7]

Rainfall (mm) = [380, 330, 240, 175, 170, 5.2, 2.5, 2.2, 17, 20, 210, 230]

(a) Calculate the annual mean temperature for the station.

Sum = $28.3 + 27.5 + 28.5 + 29 + 26.7 + 24.6 + 25.4 + 26.7 + 27.6 + 28.4 + 28.9 + 28.7 = 330.3$

Mean = $330.3 \div 12 = 27.525^{\circ}\text{C}$

Answer: 27.5°C

(b) Determine the rainfall range.

Max = 380 mm (January), Min = 2.2 mm (August)

Range = $380 - 2.2 = 377.8 \text{ mm}$

Answer: 377.8 mm

(c) Find the temperature mode and median.

Mode: No repeating values → No mode

Median: Arrange data in order: 24.6, 25.4, 26.7, 26.7, 27.5, 27.6, 28.3, 28.4, 28.5, 28.7, 28.9, 29

Median = average of 6th and 7th values = $(27.6 + 28.3)/2 = 27.95^{\circ}\text{C}$

Answer: Median = 27.95°C

(d) Comment on the relationship between temperature and rainfall for the station.

Rainfall is highest during summer months (Dec–Feb) when temperatures are also highest.

Rainfall significantly drops during winter months (Jun–Aug) when temperatures are lower, showing a positive correlation.

(e) Giving two examples, show the application of the data in the daily life.

Farmers can use the data to plan planting seasons based on rainfall peaks.

Construction engineers can schedule major work during dry months (June–August) to avoid disruption from rain.

5. Suppose you want to conduct a research about maize production in your district from 2008 to 2018 and your interest is to know whether the production has increased or decreased. Your plan is to consult farmers who were directly involved in maize production for the said period and visit the District Agriculture Officer for more information.

(a) What will be the best research approach for your study?

Historical research approach

(b) Name the main source of data for your study.

Primary source (directly from farmers) and secondary source (District Agriculture Office records)

(c) Identify two individuals who will be respondents for your study.

Experienced farmers who cultivated maize during 2008–2018

Agricultural extension officers in the district

(d) Mention other six possible sources of research problems for the similar study.

Observation during field visits

Previous research reports

Agricultural statistics from district offices

Suggestions from farmers

Government agricultural policies

Academic literature from research journals

6. (a) Using well labeled diagrams, show two stages of rift valley formation by tensional forces.

[Diagrams should include:

1st stage – Faults forming in the crust due to tension

2nd stage – Block between faults subsides to form a rift valley]

(b) Explain four benefits of rift valley to societies in Tanzania.

Rift valleys provide fertile volcanic soil which supports agriculture.

They contain lakes such as Lake Eyasi and Lake Manyara used for fishing and irrigation.

They are sources of tourism due to features like hot springs and escarpments.

They may contain valuable minerals and geothermal energy for economic use.

7. Carefully study the following photograph and answer the questions that follow:

(a) Name the type of rock seen in the photograph.

Sedimentary rock

(b) Giving two evidences, briefly explain the type of photograph.

Ground-level photograph

Evidence: Taken from eye level, shows foreground and background clearly, human activities visible

(c) With two evidences, suggest the scale of production for the activity taking place.

Small scale production

Evidence: Use of simple tools and a few workers

Evidence: No large industrial structures or machinery visible

(d) What is the main economic activity carried out in the area?

Mining or quarrying

(e) Mention three negative outcomes of the economic activity taking place to the environment.

Soil erosion due to land disturbance

Loss of vegetation due to clearing for activity

Dust and noise pollution affecting both environment and people

8. In six points, explain lessons that Tanzania tourism industry has to learn from Switzerland so as to improve more in this sector.

Tanzania can learn the importance of year-round tourism development. Switzerland promotes both summer and winter tourism activities like skiing, hiking, and cultural festivals. Similarly, Tanzania can promote not only wildlife tourism but also cultural, historical, and adventure tourism throughout the year.

Switzerland has invested heavily in transport infrastructure such as cable cars, railways, and road networks to access even remote tourist destinations. Tanzania can learn from this by improving access roads to national parks, mountains, beaches, and cultural sites to attract more tourists and ease movement.

The Swiss tourism industry emphasizes high standards of service and hospitality. Hotels, tour guides, and customer service providers are well-trained. Tanzania needs to invest in hospitality training institutions and continuous capacity building to match international standards and improve visitor satisfaction.

Switzerland maintains strict environmental conservation regulations to protect its natural attractions. Tanzania can adopt stronger laws and policies to prevent environmental degradation in tourism hotspots such as Mount Kilimanjaro, Serengeti, and Zanzibar.

Switzerland markets its tourist destinations globally through consistent branding and promotion campaigns. Tanzania can improve its global image by investing in international tourism expos, social media marketing, and partnerships with travel agencies to attract international tourists.

Switzerland involves local communities in tourism projects to create ownership and distribute benefits. Tanzania can replicate this by ensuring locals benefit from tourism through employment, cultural exhibitions, and community-based tourism programs to foster sustainability and support from residents.

9. Migration is caused by both pull and push factors. Using six points, justify this statement.

Poor living conditions in rural areas such as lack of electricity, clean water, and proper housing act as push factors. People leave these areas to seek better standards of living in urban centers where such services are more available and accessible.

Unemployment in home regions pushes people to migrate in search of job opportunities. Areas with few industries and limited economic activities force individuals, especially youth, to migrate to places offering better employment prospects like cities or mining areas.

Natural disasters like drought, floods, and land degradation push people from affected areas. In Tanzania, people from drought-prone regions like Dodoma may migrate to more fertile and stable regions such as Mbeya or Iringa in search of farming land and water.

Better educational and healthcare facilities in urban areas act as pull factors. People migrate to towns to access quality schools and hospitals. For example, students may move to Dar es Salaam for higher education and better medical care.

Political stability and peace in certain areas attract migrants from regions experiencing conflict or instability. Refugees from neighboring countries may enter Tanzania due to its relative peace and supportive asylum policies.

Economic opportunities and improved standards of living serve as strong pull factors. People migrate to regions where they can earn better income, start businesses, or own property. For example, urban expansion in Arusha and Mwanza attracts rural populations seeking growth.

10. The Form Three students were told by their Geography teacher to perform a survey activity around the school compound. Explain eight pre-survey activities they need to consider.

The students must first define the objectives of the survey. This involves determining the purpose of the study such as assessing water drainage, mapping school facilities, or identifying waste disposal practices. A clear objective guides all other stages.

They should select the specific area within the school compound where the survey will be conducted. This could be classrooms, playgrounds, gardens, or dormitories depending on the purpose. Demarcating the area ensures focus and accuracy during data collection.

Choosing the appropriate type of survey is essential. Students need to decide whether to use chain survey, compass survey, leveling, or plane table survey based on the nature of the ground and data needed.

They need to prepare tools and instruments required for data collection. These include chains, tapes, ranging rods, compasses, notebooks, and pencils. Ensuring all equipment is functional and complete avoids delays during the actual survey.

Obtaining permission from school authorities is necessary. The headteacher or deputy should be informed of the activity and approve access to various parts of the school for security and coordination purposes.

Planning time and work schedule is another important activity. Students should agree on when the survey will be conducted, how long it will take, and how responsibilities will be distributed among the team members.

Conducting a reconnaissance survey helps to familiarize the students with the area. This early visit allows them to identify obstacles such as trees, walls, or water channels and plan how to handle them.

Designing data collection sheets or notebooks for recording observations is essential. This ensures that all important information is documented in a consistent and organized manner, making analysis easier after the fieldwork.