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HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

(Subject code No. P142/1)

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MAURITIUS EXAMINATIONS SYNDICATE Primary School Achievement Certificate Assessment Grade 5 Modular March 2021 Time: 1 hour Total Marks: 50

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Check that this assessment booklet contains **7** questions printed on **10** pages numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.
2. Write your Index Number on the assessment booklet in the space provided above.
3. You should not use red, green or black ink in answering questions.
4. Write all your answers clearly in the assessment booklet.
5. Attempt all questions.

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QUESTION 1 (8 marks)

For each item in Question 1, circle the letter which shows the correct answer.

Example: Mauritius is found in the

- A** Arctic Ocean
- B** Atlantic Ocean
- C** Indian Ocean
- D** Pacific Ocean

1. The line of longitude 0° is known as the

- A** Arctic Circle
- B** Greenwich Meridian
- C** Tropic of Cancer
- D** Tropic of Capricorn

[1]

2. Which **one** of these continents borders the Indian Ocean?

- A** Asia
- B** Europe
- C** North America
- D** South America

[1]

3. A large area of flat and high land is called a

- A mountain range
- B plain
- C plateau
- D river valley

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4. An isotherm is a line drawn on a map joining places having the same

- A amount of rainfall
- B height above sea level
- C temperature
- D wind speed

[1]

5. One island in the Indian Ocean named by the Portuguese is

- A Diego Garcia
- B Mauritius
- C Réunion
- D Sri Lanka

[1]

6. The first **Dutch** sailor to land in Rodrigues was

- A Diogo Rodriguez
- B Pieter Both
- C Van Warwick
- D Wolphart Harmensen

[1]

7. Mahé de Labourdonnais introduced manioc in Ile de France from

- A** Arabia
- B** Brazil
- C** China
- D** Mozambique

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8. Who built the first settlement in Rodrigues in 1691?

- A** François Leguat
- B** Mathurin Brehinier
- C** Philibert Marragon
- D** Pierre Poivre

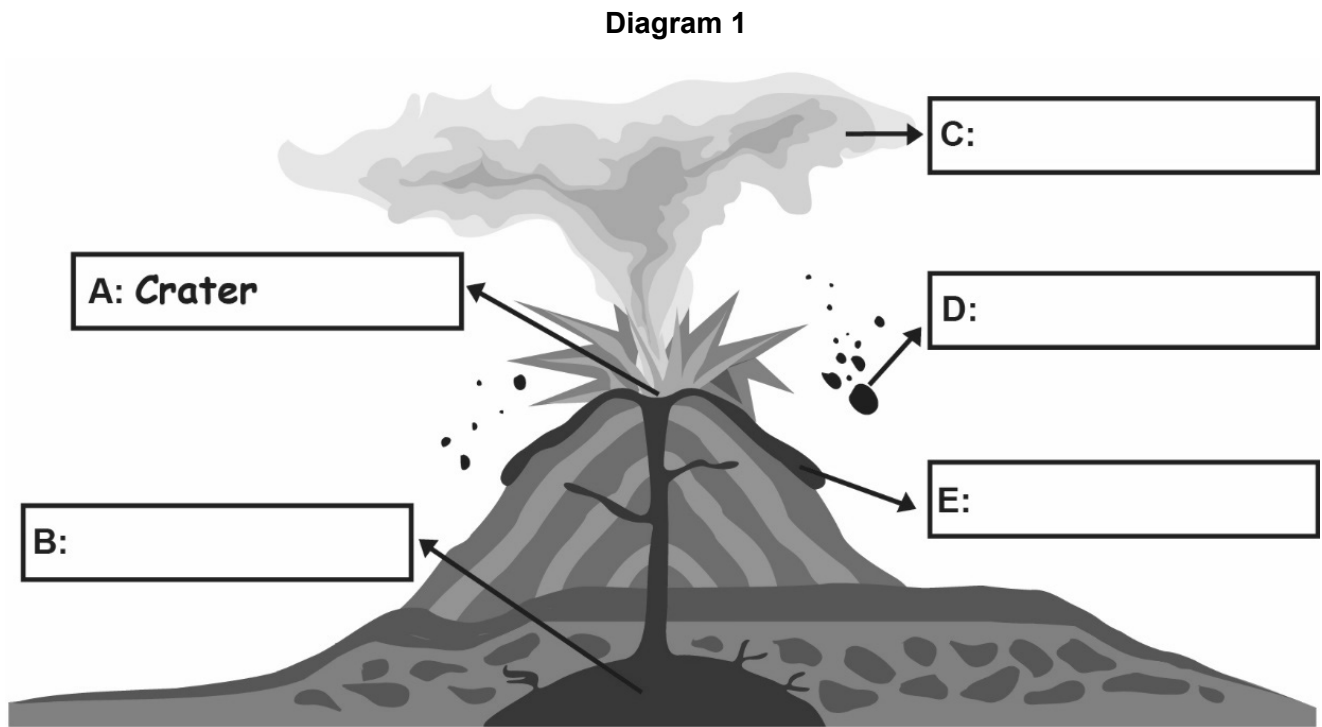
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QUESTION 2 (9 marks)

2. **Diagram 1** shows a volcano in eruption. Study it carefully and answer the questions which follow.

a) In **Diagram 1**, feature **A** is the crater.

Label features **B**, **C**, **D** and **E**.



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b) Complete the sentence below:

When lava cools down, it solidifies to become rocks.

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c) What is magma?

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d) Describe how tuffs are formed.

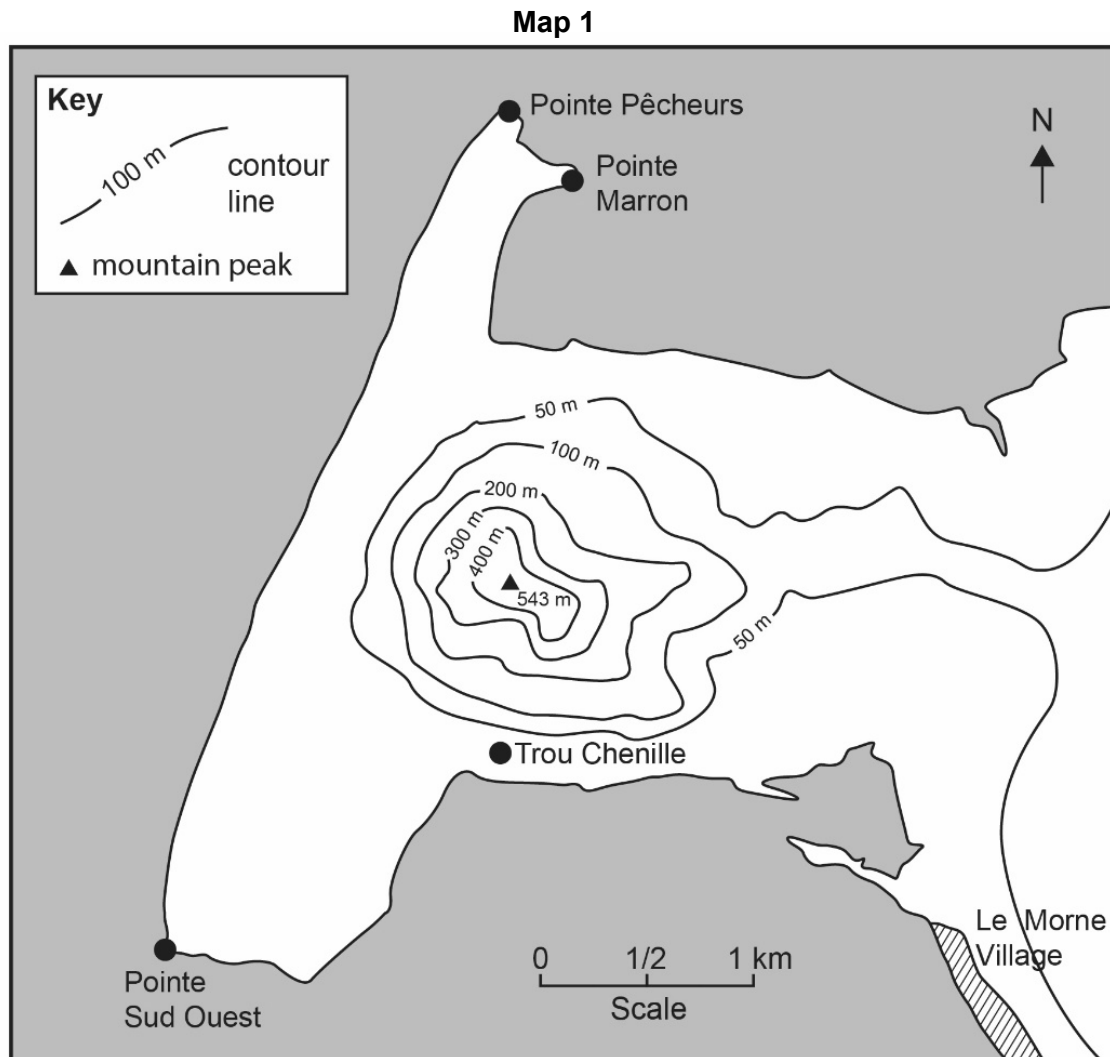
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QUESTION 3 (5 marks)

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Study **Map 1** carefully and answer the questions which follow.



- a) What is the approximate straight line distance between Pointe Pêcheurs and Pointe Marron?

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- b) What is the height of the mountain peak?

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- c) What is the direction of Le Morne Village from the mountain peak?

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d) What is the height of Trou Chenille? Circle the letter which shows the correct answer.

A. Above 50 metres

B. Below 50 metres

[1]

e) On **Map 1**, shade like this  the area of land between 100 m and 200 m above sea level.

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QUESTION 4 (7 marks)

About 500 years ago, European explorers used Mauritius as a stopover on their way to the East Indies for spice trade.

a) How are the East Indies known today?

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b) Name **two** spices that the European traders bought from the East Indies.

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c) Give **one** reason why spices were important long ago.

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[2]

d) Give **two** reasons why Portuguese sailors used Mauritius as a stopover.

(i)

(ii)

[2]

QUESTION 5 (7 marks)

Marks

In 1638, the Dutch decided to settle in Mauritius.

- a) The Dutch built a fort at Vieux Grand Port. What was the name given to the fort?

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- b) Vieux Grand Port had natural advantages for settlement. Match the features in **Column A** with their corresponding advantages in **Column B**.

Column A (Features)

Flat land

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The bay

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Animals

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Column B (Advantages)

To get fresh meat

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To build houses

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To get building materials

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To keep the ships safe

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- c) The main activity of the Dutch was the cutting down of ebony trees for export.

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Picture 1: Ebony logs



- (i) Give **one** use of ebony logs in Holland at that time.

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- (ii) Give **one** reason why ebony logs were sold at a high price.

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QUESTION 6 (8 marks)

In 1715, the French took possession of Mauritius and named it Ile de France.

- a) Give **one** reason why the French decided to take possession of Mauritius.

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- b) Give **one** reason why the French developed agriculture in Ile de France.

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In 1810, the British captured Ile de France. Sir Robert Farquhar became the first British Governor.

- c) Give **one** reason why Sir Robert Farquhar encouraged the cultivation of sugarcane.

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- d) Give **one** reason why Sir Robert Farquhar built the main road from Port Louis to the South of Mauritius.

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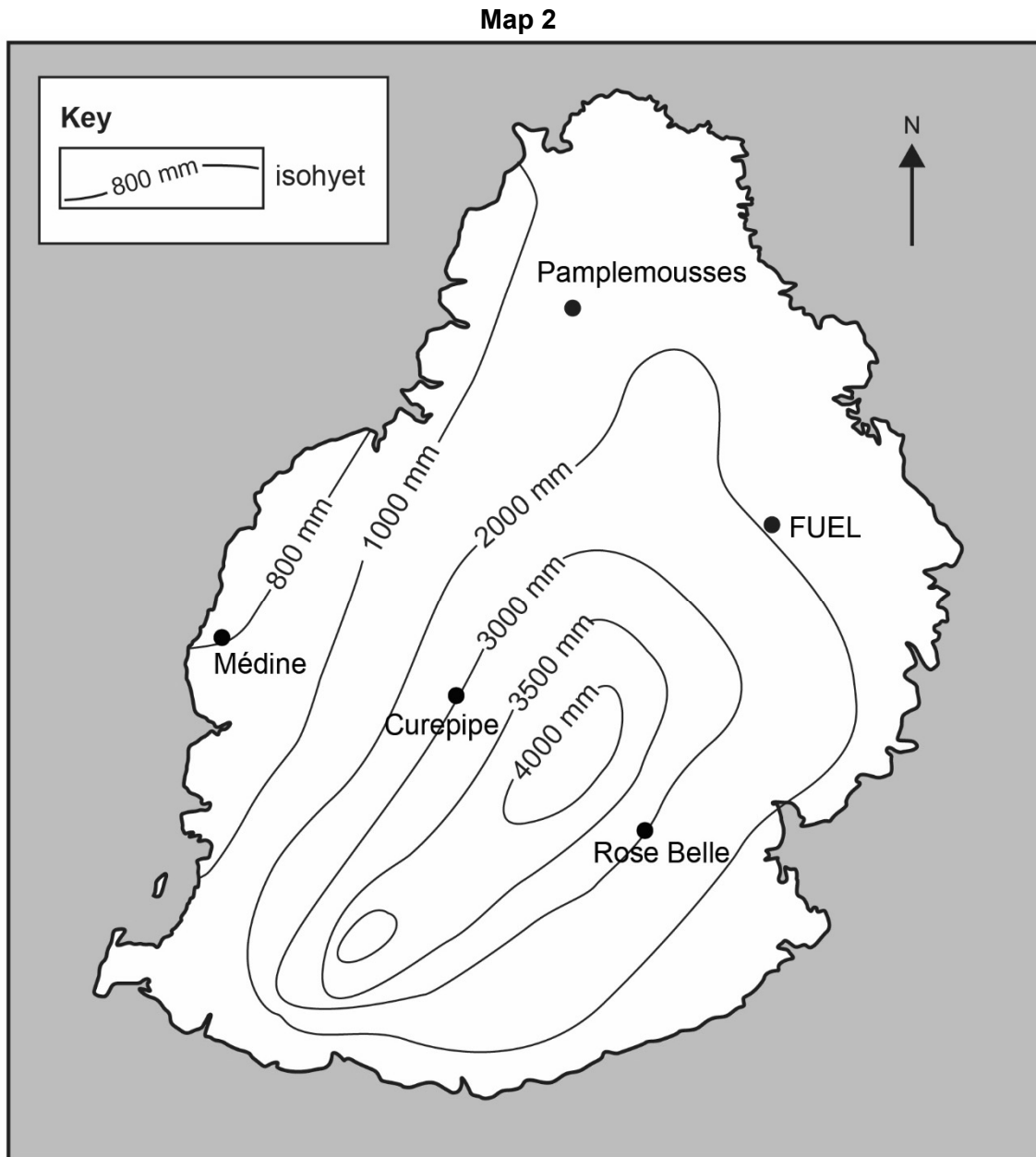
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QUESTION 7 (6 marks)

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Map 2 shows the annual rainfall distribution in Mauritius. Study it carefully and answer questions (a) to (d).



- a) What is the amount of rainfall that Rose Belle receives?

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- b) On **Map 2**, shade the region that receives **less than 800 mm** of annual rainfall.

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c) Give **one** reason why Curepipe receives **more** rainfall than FUEL.

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d) In Mauritius, more rainfall occurs in summer than in winter. Suggest **one** reason why.

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