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SOCIAL AND MODERN STUDIES (N570)

TIME: 2 HOURS

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your index number in the space provided above.
2. Answer **ALL** questions.
3. Write in dark blue or black ink.
4. Do not use correction fluid.
5. This paper consists of **10** questions printed on **15** pages
6. This paper consists of two sections: **Section A** (5 Questions) and **Section B** (5 Questions).
7. The number of marks for each question is given in brackets ().
8. The total of the marks for this paper is **100**.

For Examiners' use												
Question No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Signature
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SECTION A (50 MARKS)**QUESTION 1 (14 marks)****PART A**

Circle the letter which shows the correct answer.

1. Mauritius became a republic in
A 1810
B 1968
C 1992
D 2002
2. Who was the first President of the Republic of Mauritius?
A Sir Abdool Raman Osman
B Sir Gaëtan Duval
C Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam
D Sir Veerasamy Ringadoo
3. Which disease was responsible for the high death rate in Mauritius in the 1940s?
A Polio
B Malaria
C Dengue
D Covid-19
4. After the passage of cyclones Alix and Carol in 1960, the government's priority was to
A construct cheap houses for homeless families
B improve water supply in rural areas
C provide electricity to the whole island
D construct more hospitals and health areas

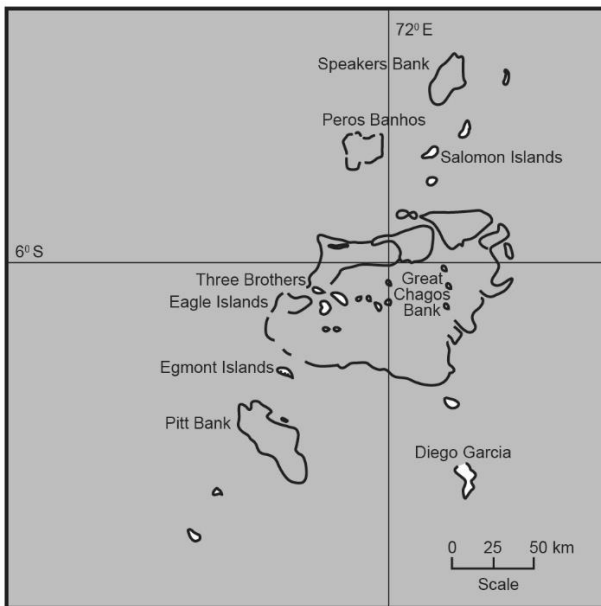
5. At the time of its independence, Mauritius was considered
- A** a developed country
 - B** an underdeveloped country
 - C** a middle-income country
 - D** a high-income country
6. The population of the Republic of Mauritius in 2020 was around
- A** 1.0 million
 - B** 1.3 million
 - C** 1.7 million
 - D** 2.0 million
7. Which **one** of the following sectors created most jobs in the 1980s?
- A** Textile
 - B** Sugar
 - C** Fishing
 - D** Tourism
8. The island of Tromelin forms part of the Republic of Mauritius.
Which other country claims sovereignty of Tromelin?
- A** United Kingdom
 - B** United States of America
 - C** France
 - D** Madagascar

(8 Marks)

PART B

For each picture, fill in the blanks with the correct words. Choose from the lists of words given.

Picture 1



Chagos Archipelago

Seychelles

Britain

In 1965, excised the

.....
from Mauritius.

Picture 2



students

workers

education

In May 1975, many

marched to protest against inequalities in

.....

Picture 3



thatch

wood

concrete

In the 1950s, houses made of

..... and

were very common.

(6 marks)

QUESTION 2 (9 marks)**1. As a welfare state, Mauritius provides many benefits to its population.**

In **Table 1** below, put a tick (✓) to show the benefits that are provided and a cross (X) to show the services that are **NOT** provided in Mauritius.

Table 1

Services	✓	X
Free health care		
Free air fare		
Free electricity		
Free education		
Old age pension		

(5 marks)**2. State whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE**

- (a) The SADC organisation consists of Southern African countries.
- (b) Climate change will bring a lot of benefits to the world.
- (c) All citizens having reached the age of 50 receive old age pension.
- (d) The Nelson Mandela Centre promotes African and Creole culture.

(4 marks)

QUESTION 3 (9 marks)

1. Pictures 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 show developments in Mauritius and Rodrigues.
Match each title to its picture. Choose from the list given below.

- Tourist sector
- Sports complex
- Water supply
- Public transport
- Mechanisation in agriculture



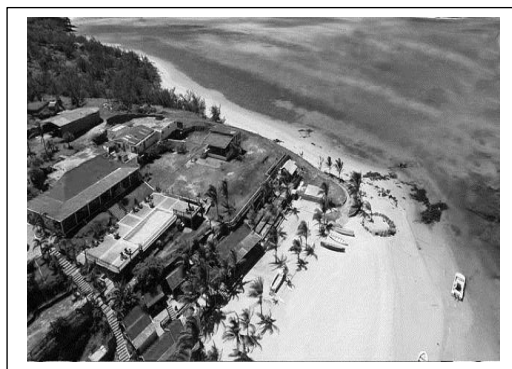
Picture 4:



Picture 5:



Picture 6:



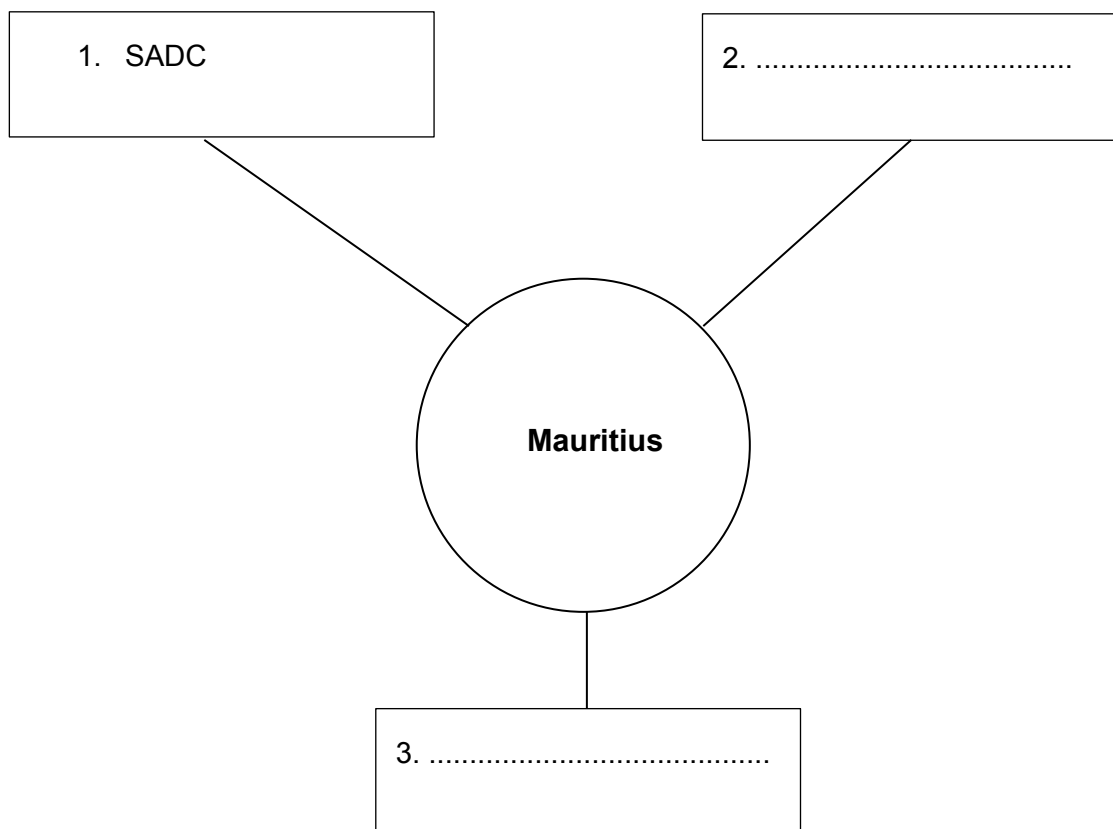
Picture 7:



Picture 8:

2. (a) Complete **Figure 1** with two other organisations which Mauritius is a member of.

Figure 1



(2 marks)

- (b) Give **one** reason why it is important for Mauritius to be a member of such organisations.

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(2 marks)

QUESTION 4 (7 marks)**1. Fill in the blanks in sentences (a) to (d).**

Choose from the list of words provided below.

elections**Africa****Asia****Constitution****autonomy**

- (a) The supreme law of the Republic of Mauritius is its
- (b) Rodrigues was granted in 2002.
- (c) Mauritius is a democratic country and holds regularly.
- (d) Geographically, Mauritius forms part of

(4 marks)

2. Match the term in Column 1 with its correct definition in Column 2, using the answer grid provided below.

The first one has been done for you.

	Column 1 : Term		Column 2 : Definition
1	Population pyramid	A	The number of deaths per thousand of population per year
2	Mass media	B	A system of government where people choose their representatives through elections
3	Democracy	C	The number of live births per thousand of population per year
4	Birth rate	D	A graphical illustration which shows age and sex distribution of the population
		E	Communicating information to a large number of people

Answer Grid

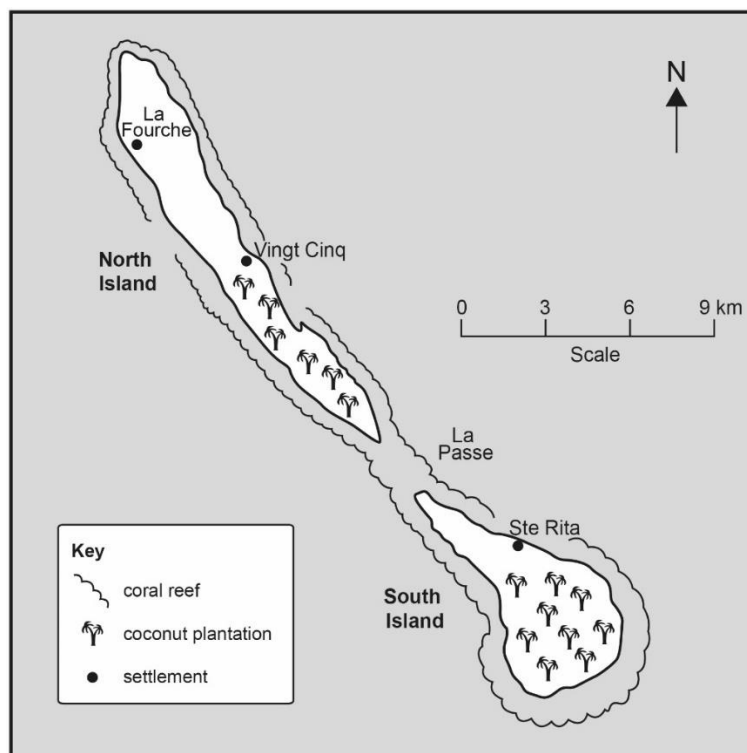
Term	1	2	3	4
Definition	D			

(3 marks)

QUESTION 5 (11 marks)

Rodrigues, Agalega and the Chagos Archipelago form part of the Republic of Mauritius.

1. Study the map of Agalega given below and answer questions (a) and (b).



Map of Agalega

(a) Agalega has a population of about 300 people.

Suggest **one** reason for its small population.

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.....

(2 marks)

(b) Name **two** economic activities practised by the people in Agalega.

(i)

(ii)

(2 marks)

2. The picture below shows Chagossians carrying out a protest.



(a) (i) Which country are the Chagossians protesting against?

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(1 mark)

(ii) Give **one** reason for their protest.

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(2 marks)

(b) Which country has a military base in Diego Garcia?

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(1 mark)

3. A new runway will be built at the airport in Rodrigues.

(a) Name the place where the airport is located in Rodrigues.

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(1 mark)

(b) Describe **one** benefit of the new runway for Rodrigues.

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(2 marks)

SECTION B (50 MARKS)

QUESTION 6 (12 marks)

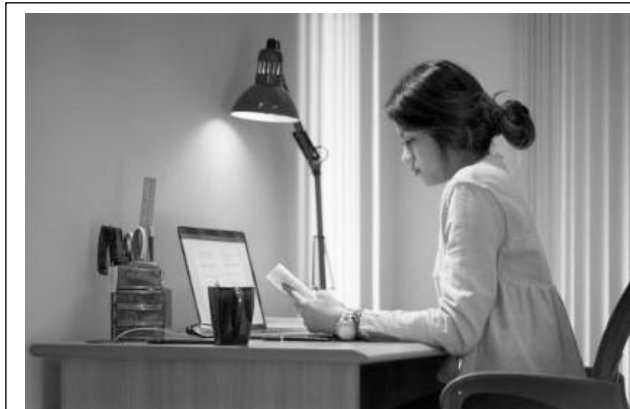
1. Industrialisation brought changes to the lives of Mauritians.

Study the set of pictures shown below. Describe one change that you observe in each set of pictures.

Picture 9 A



Picture 9 B



..... (2 marks)

Picture 10 A



Picture 10 B



..... (2 marks)

Picture 11 A



Picture 11 B



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(2 marks)

2. (a) What was considered the main role of women before industrialisation?

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(2 marks)

(b) How has industrialisation changed the role of women? Give **two** ways.

(i)

.....

(ii)

.....

(4 marks)

QUESTION 7 (9 marks)

(a) Name **three** types of media.

- (i)
- (ii)
- (iii)

(3 marks)

(b) Describe **three** roles that media play in our lives today.

- (i)
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- (ii)
.....
- (iii)
.....

(6 marks)

QUESTION 8 (10 marks)

1. Read the extract below.

Nobel Prize winner James Meade wrote the following in 1961. "It is going to be a great achievement if Mauritius can find productive employment for its population without a serious reduction in the existing standard of living. The outlook for peaceful development is weak."

Source: Economist Joseph Stiglitz in the newspaper 'The Guardian' on 7 March 2011

(a) Who wrote about the economic situation in Mauritius in 1961?

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(1 mark)

(b) Explain why the author did not have high hopes for the future development of Mauritius when he wrote this in 1961.

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(3 marks)

2. **Mauritius offered many advantages and incentives to attract investors in the Export Processing Zone (EPZ).**

Name **two** advantages/incentives provided and explain how each one of them helped to attract investors.

(a) Advantage/Incentive:

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Explanation:

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(3 marks)

(b) Advantage/Incentive:

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Explanation:

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(3 marks)

QUESTION 9 (9 marks)

1. Name and describe **two** functions of the family today.

a) Function:

Description:

.....

(3 marks)

b) Function:

Description:

.....

(3 marks)

2. (a) Name **one** specialised institution which has taken up one function of the family.

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(1 mark)

(b) Explain how the institution you mentioned in 2 (a) performs the function of the family.

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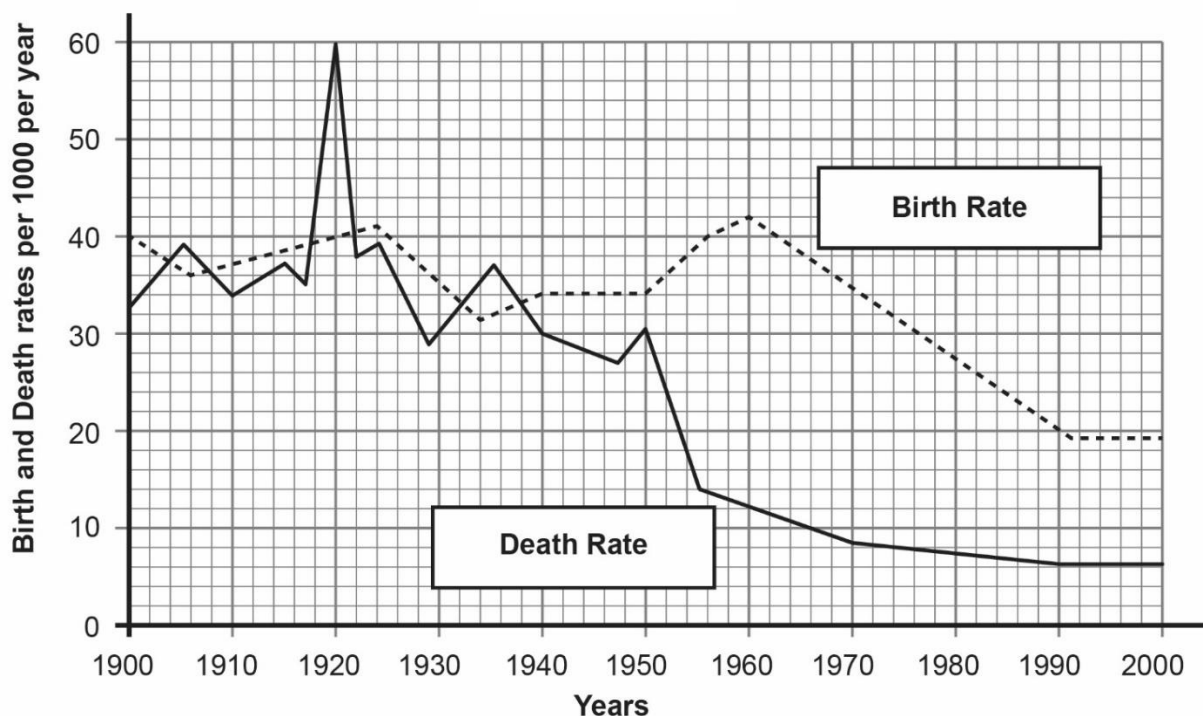
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(2 marks)

QUESTION 10 (10 marks)

1. Figure 2 is a graph which shows birth and death rates in Mauritius from 1900 to 2000. Study the graph and answer the questions that follow.

Figure 2



- (a) (i) What was the birth rate in 1960?

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(1 mark)

- (ii) Describe the trend in the birth rate from 1960 to 2000.

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(1 mark)

- (b) (i) The death rate was very high in 1920. Give **one** reason why.

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(2 marks)

- (ii) Explain why the death rate is low nowadays.

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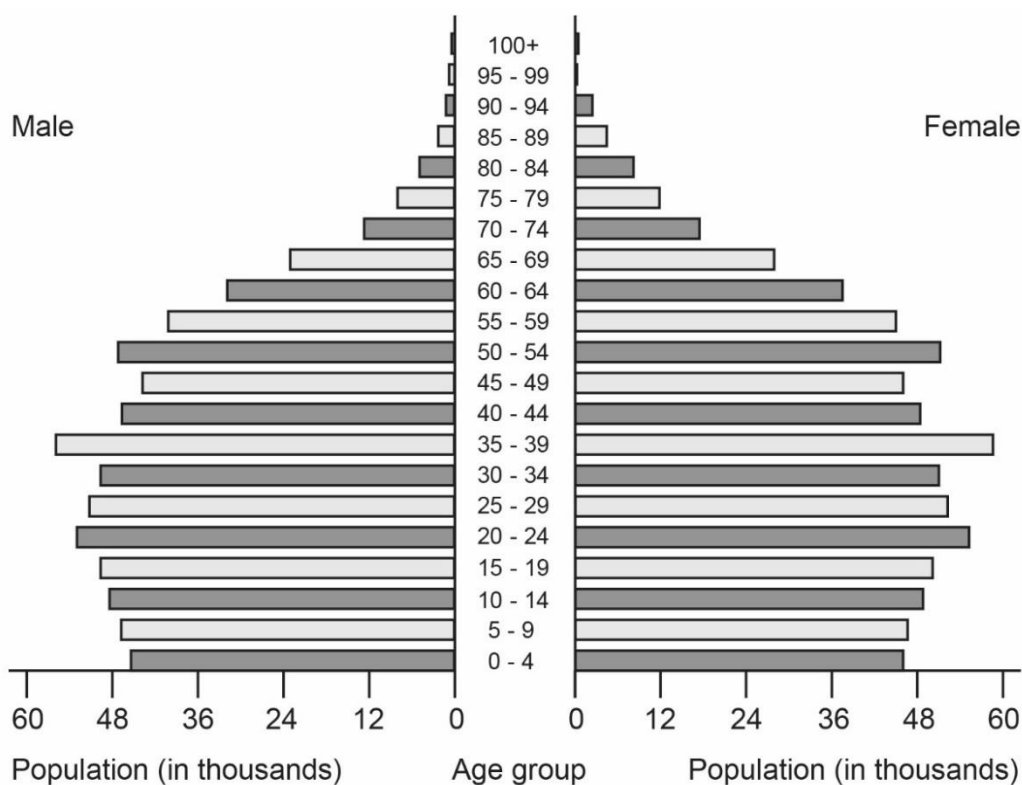
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(2 marks)

2. Figure 3 shows the population pyramid of Mauritius in 2016.

Study the population pyramid and answer the questions that follow.

Figure 3



(a) Which age group has the highest population?

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(1 mark)

(b) (i) What do you observe about the population aged 0-4 years compared to the population aged 20-24 years?

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(1 mark)

(ii) Suggest **one** reason for the trend you have observed in (b) (i).

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(2 marks)