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HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

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MAURITIUS EXAMINATIONS SYNDICATE
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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Check that this assessment booklet contains **10** questions printed on **14** pages numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.
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.

Question	Marking		Revision		Control	
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QUESTION 1 (10 marks)

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

Example: Mauritius became a Republic in

A 1835

B 1968

(C) 1992

D 2002

1. In Mauritius, the abolition of slavery is commemorated on

A 1st February

B 12th March

C 2nd November

D 25th December

2. From 1810 to 1968, Mauritius was a

A British colony

B Dutch colony

C French colony

D Portuguese colony

3. The Botanical Garden of Pamplemousses was started by

A Charles Decaen

B Mahé de Labourdonnais

C Pierre Poivre

D Vicomte de Souillac

4. During the French rule, the port was transferred from Grand Port to Port Louis by Governor

- A** Decaen
- B** De Nyon
- C** Labourdonnais
- D** Maupin

5. The first European sailors in the Indian Ocean came from

- A** Britain
- B** France
- C** Holland
- D** Portugal

6. One important river found in South America is the

- A** Amazon
- B** Mississippi
- C** Nile
- D** Yangtse Kiang

7. The Central Ridge in Rodrigues was formed by the action of

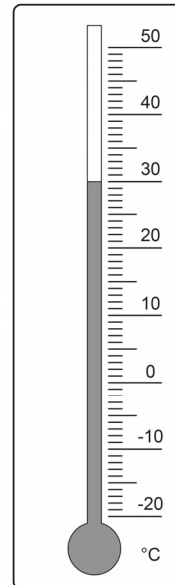
- A** rivers
- B** volcanoes
- C** waves
- D** wind

8. **Diagram 1** shows a thermometer.

What temperature is shown on the thermometer in **Diagram 1**?

- A** 20 °C
- B** 25 °C
- C** 30 °C
- D** 35 °C

Diagram 1

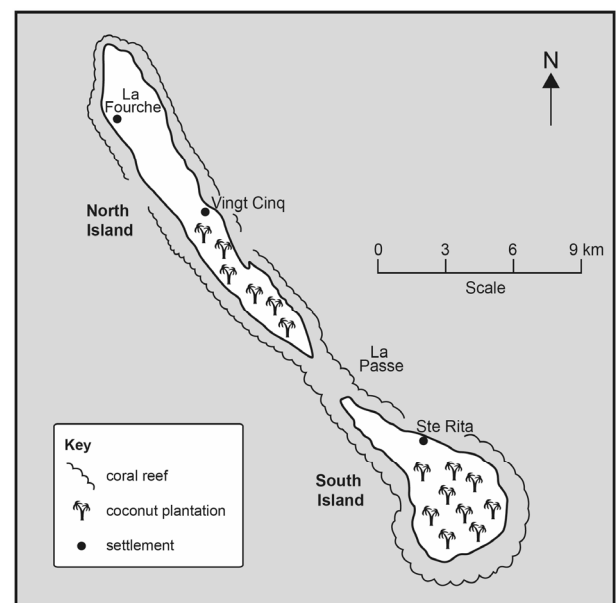


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9. **Map 1** shows

- A** Agalega
- B** Madagascar
- C** Mauritius
- D** Rodrigues

Map 1



10. Which natural hazard is caused by movements inside the Earth?

- A** Tropical cyclone
- B** Flood
- C** Torrential rain
- D** Earthquake

QUESTION 2 (11 marks)

Marks

1. In 1638, the Dutch decided to settle in Mauritius. They left in 1710.

(a) Give **two** reasons why the Dutch decided to settle in Mauritius.

1.

2.

[2]

(b) Give **three** reasons why the Dutch left Mauritius.

1.

2.

3.

[3]

2. During the French period, many plants were brought to Ile de France.

(a) Match the plants with the countries from which they were brought.

Plants

Coffee •

Spices •

Tea •

Manioc •

Countries

• Mozambique

• Arabia

• Brazil

• China

• East Indies

[4]

(b) Give **one** reason why Pierre Poivre was interested in the cultivation of spice plants.

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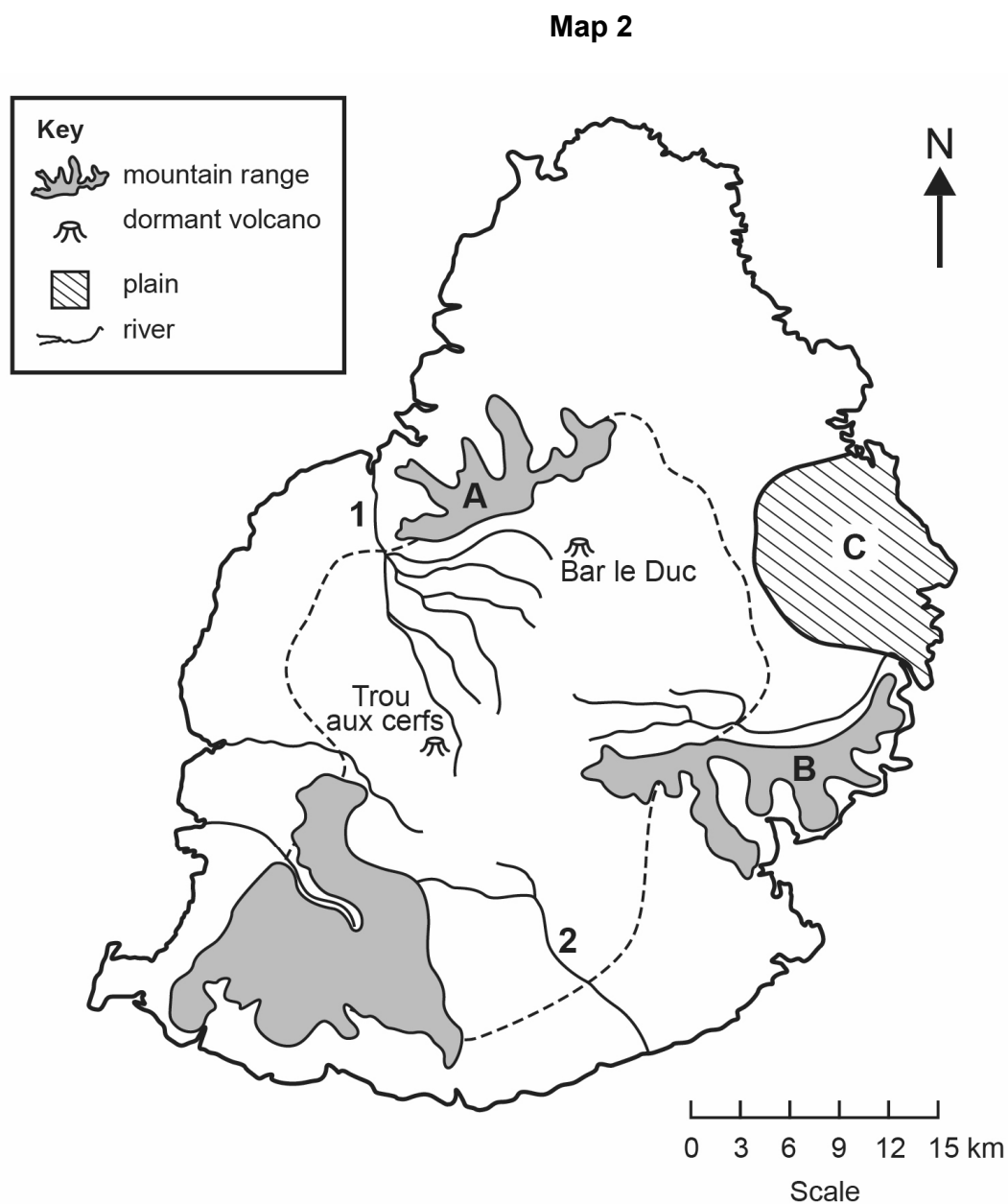
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QUESTION 3 (10 Marks)

Marks

Study Map 2 carefully. Then answer the questions which follow.



- (a) (i) Mountain Range **A** is [1]
- (ii) Mountain Range **B** is [1]
- (b) (i) River **1** is [1]
- (ii) River **2** is [1]

- (c) (i) Plain **C** is the plain. [1] Marks
- (ii) Where are the plains found in Mauritius?
..... [1]
- (iii) Most plains are intensively cultivated. Give **one** reason why.
.....
..... [2]
- (d) What is the approximate distance between Trou aux Cerfs and Bar Le Duc?
..... km [1]
- (e) What is the direction of Plain **C** from Trou aux Cerfs?
..... [1]

QUESTION 4 (9 marks)

Soil erosion is one of the major problems in Rodrigues.

- (a) What is soil erosion?
..... [2]
- (b) Soil erosion is caused by natural factors or human activities.

Use the words given below to complete **Table 1**. One example has been done for you.

Steep slopes

Deforestation

Overgrazing

Heavy rainfall

~~**Crop plantation on sloping land**~~

Table 1

Natural causes of soil erosion	Human activities causing soil erosion
1.	1. Crop plantation on sloping land
2.	2.
	3.

[4]

(c) Study **Picture 1** carefully and answer the questions which follow.

Marks

Picture 1



(i) Which method of agriculture is shown in **Picture 1**?

..... [1]

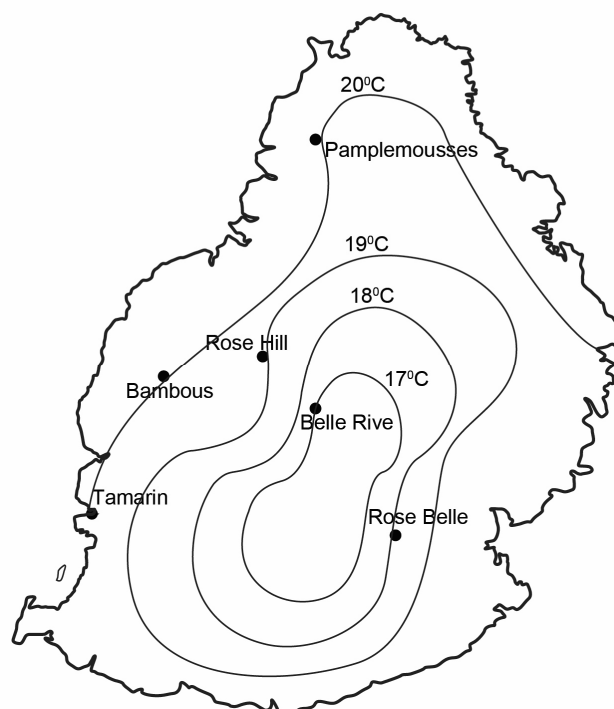
(ii) Explain how the features shown help to reduce soil erosion.

.....
..... [2]

QUESTION 5 (8 marks)

Study Map 3 carefully. It shows the average winter (July) temperatures in Mauritius.

Map 3



- (a) Lines joining places having the same temperature on a map are called

.....

[1]

- (b) On **Map 3**, shade like this  the region where the temperature is below 17 °C.

[1]

- (c) Use the information in **Map 3** to complete the table below.

Location	Temperature (°C)
Pamplemousses	
	19
	18
Belle Rive	

[4]

- (d) It can be observed that the temperature decreases from Bambous to Belle Rive in **Map 3**. Suggest **one** reason why.

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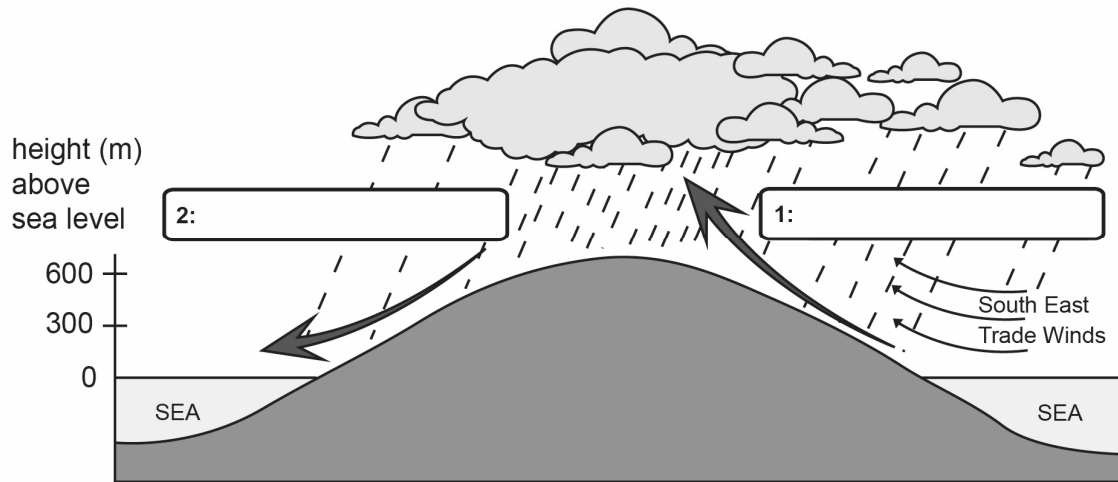
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QUESTION 6 (11 Marks)

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Diagram 2 shows one type of rainfall. Study it carefully and answer the questions which follow.

Diagram 2



- (a) (i) Complete **Diagram 2** by filling boxes 1 and 2 with the words **leeward side** and **windward side**. [2]

- (ii) What type of rainfall is shown in **Diagram 2**? [1]

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- (iii) Explain why less rain occurs in the region of **Box 2** in **Diagram 2**. [2]

.....

.....

- (b) One of the main causes of climate change is air pollution.

- (i) Name **two** sources of air pollution. [2]

1. 2.

- (ii) Describe **two** ways in which the amount of air pollution caused by human activities can be reduced. [4]

1.

.....

2.

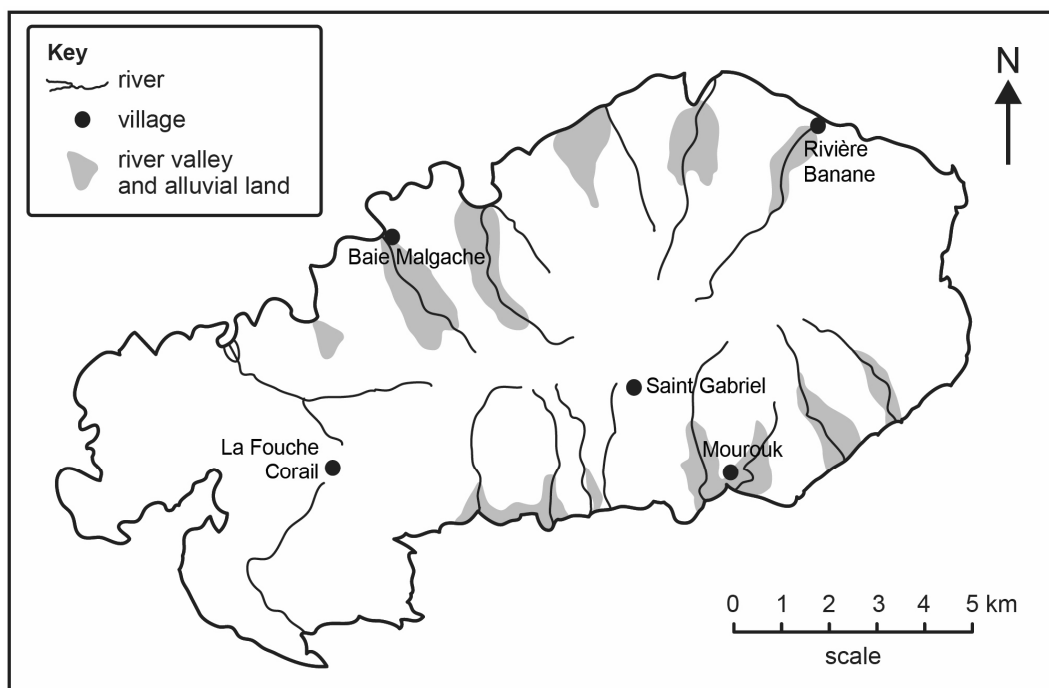
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QUESTION 7 (10 marks)

Marks

1. Study Map 4 which shows the location of areas of market gardening in Rodrigues. Then answer the questions which follow.

Map 4: Market gardening in Rodrigues



- (a) Name **two** villages where market gardening is practised in Rodrigues.

1.

2.

[2]

- (b) Give **one** reason why market gardening is practised in these areas.

.....

[2]

2. (a) Nowadays, farmers are encouraged to practise farming which does **not** make use of pesticides and fertilisers. This type of farming is known as

.....

[2]

- (b) Give **two** ways in which the government helps farmers to increase cultivation of food crops.

1.

2.

[4]

QUESTION 8 (8 marks)

Marks

**Many countries obtained their independence in the 20th century.
Mauritius obtained its independence in 1968.**

1. Complete the following sentences by choosing the appropriate word or words.

- (a) The independence ceremony on 12th March 1968 was held at
..... in Port-Louis.
(La Citadelle, Champ de Mars)
- (b) The first Prime Minister of Mauritius was
(Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, Sir Veerasamy Ringadoo)
- (c) When Mauritius became independent, the Mauritian flag replaced the
.....
(Union Jack, Coat of Arms)
- (d) The National Flower of Mauritius is the
(Hibiscus, Trochetia)
- (e) In 1992, Mauritius became a Republic and the country had its first
.....
(President, Governor)

[5]

2. Picture 2 shows the Rodrigues Regional Assembly.

Picture 2



(a) The Rodrigues Regional Assembly was set up in

Marks

Tick ☒ the correct box.

2002

☐

2012

☐

[1]

(b) Give **one** reason why the Rodrigues Regional Assembly was set up.

.....

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[2]

QUESTION 9 (13 marks)

1. Picture 3 shows the place where Indian labourers landed in Port-Louis on their arrival in Mauritius.

Picture 3



(a) Name the place shown in **Picture 3**.

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[2]

(b) Name **one** port in India from which the Indian labourers embarked for Mauritius.

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[2]

(c) Give **two** reasons why Indian labourers were brought in large numbers to Mauritius in the 19th century.

1.

.....

2.

.....

[4]

In the 19th century, people suffered from various diseases in Mauritius.

2. (a) Name **one** disease that killed many people in Mauritius in the 19th century.

..... [1]

- (b) Many people left Port-Louis and went to live in Plaine Wilhems. Give **one** reason why.

..... [2]

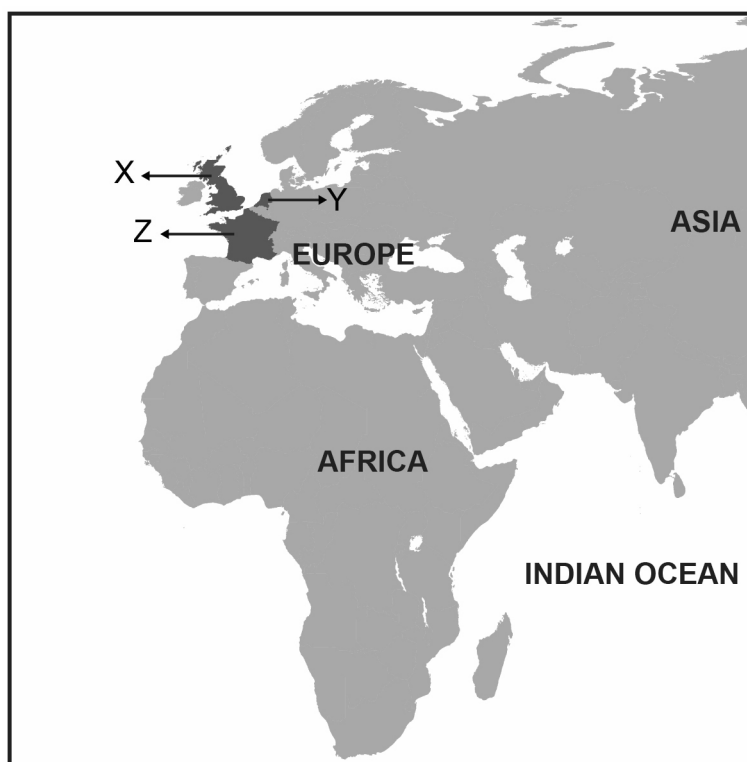
- (c) Describe **one** way in which the government helped to improve the health of people.

..... [2]

QUESTION 10 (10 marks)

Study Map 5 which shows countries in Europe from which settlers came to Mauritius. Then answer the questions that follow.

Map 5



- (a) Name the countries labelled **X**, **Y** and **Z** on **Map 5**.

Country **X**:

Country **Y**:

Country **Z**:

[3]

- (b) Why did settlers from Europe come to Mauritius?

.....

[2]

- (c) Match each settler to his role on the island.

SETTLER

ROLE

Governor ●

● To protect the island.

Official ●

● To bring development in the island.

Soldier ●

● To enforce the laws and rules.

[3]

- (d) Free workers were brought by Governor Mahé de Labourdonnais from places such as Pondicherry and Bengal in India.

Give **one** reason why free workers were brought to Ile de France.

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[2]

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