



*Let the mind manage the body
Que l'esprit gère le corps*

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

(Subject code No. P142R/3)

MAURITIUS EXAMINATIONS SYNDICATE

Primary School Achievement Certificate Assessment

Grade 6 Rodrigues

March 2021

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

Total Marks: 100

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 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.
- Write your Index Number on the assessment booklet in the space provided above.
- You should not use red, green or black ink in answering questions.
- Write all your answers clearly in the assessment booklet.
- Attempt **all** questions.

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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

Marks

- 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

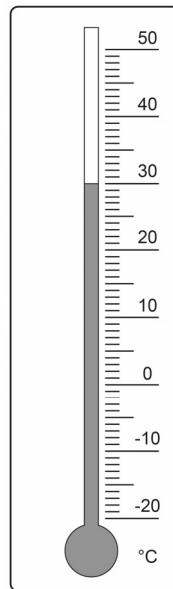
8. **Diagram 1** shows a thermometer.

Diagram 1

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

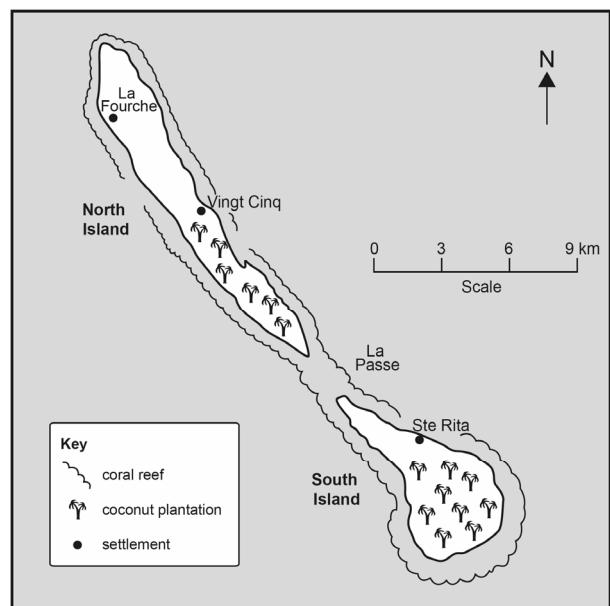
- A 20 °C
- B 25 °C
- C 30 °C
- D 35 °C



9. **Map 1** shows

Map 1

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



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

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

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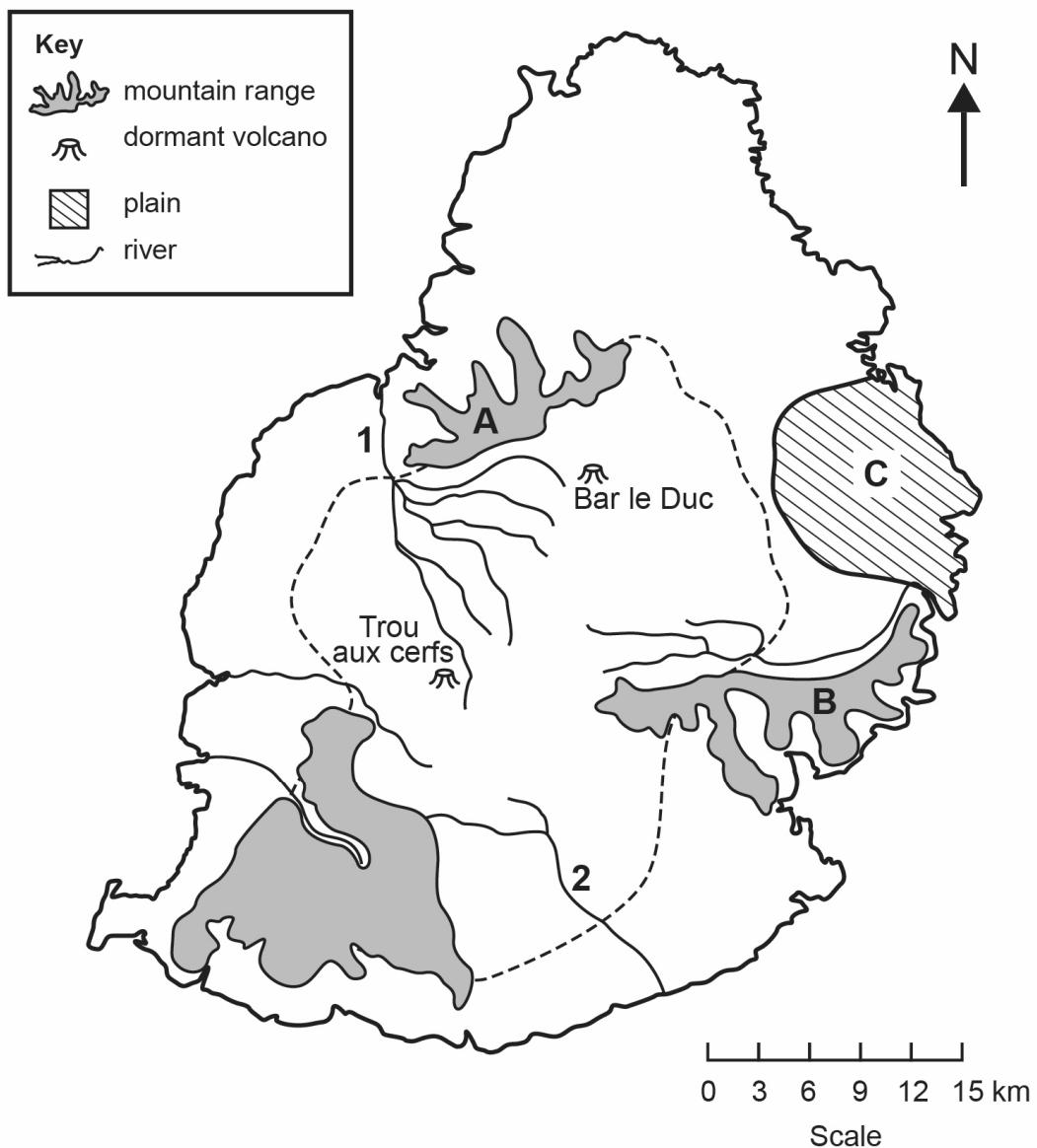
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QUESTION 3 (10 Marks)

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

Map 2



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

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|---|-----|-------|
| (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.

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Picture 1



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

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[1]

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

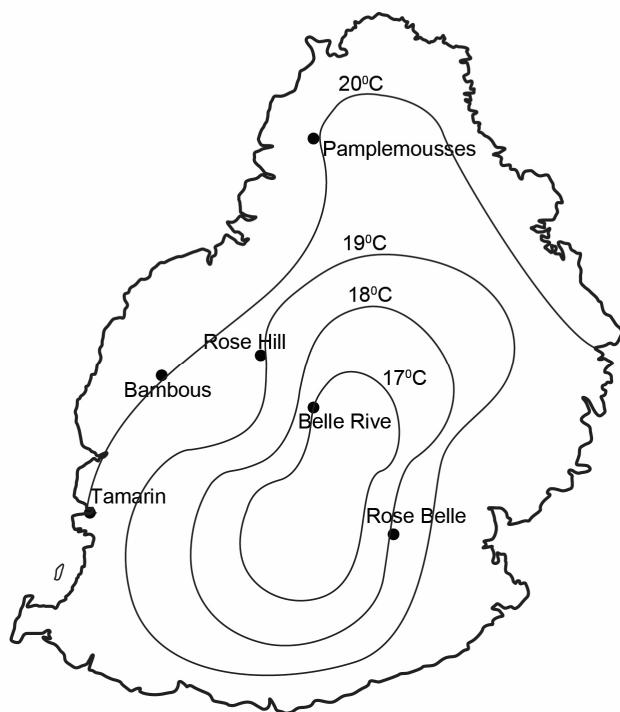
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QUESTION 5 (8 marks)

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

.....

Marks

[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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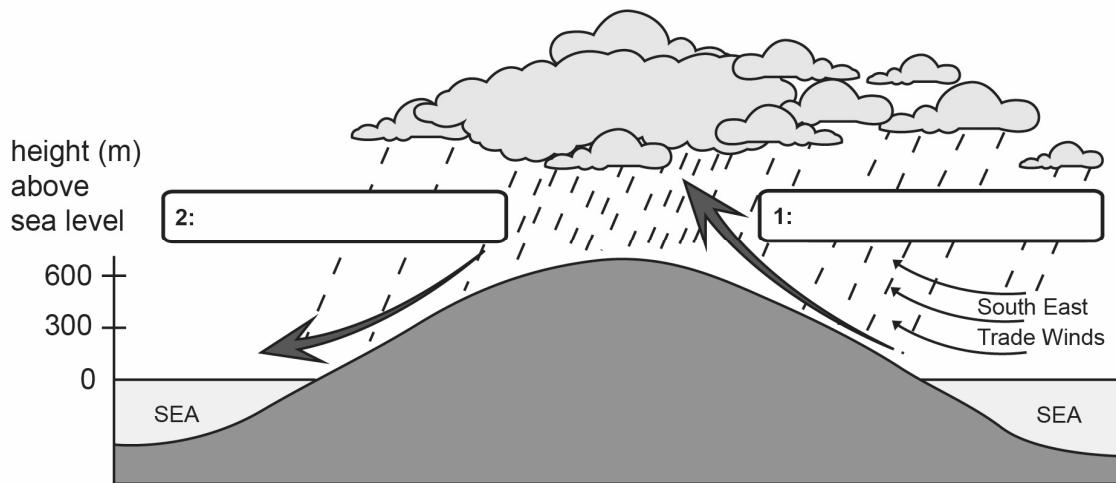
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QUESTION 6 (11 Marks)

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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]

- (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.

1. 2.

[2]

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

1.

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2.

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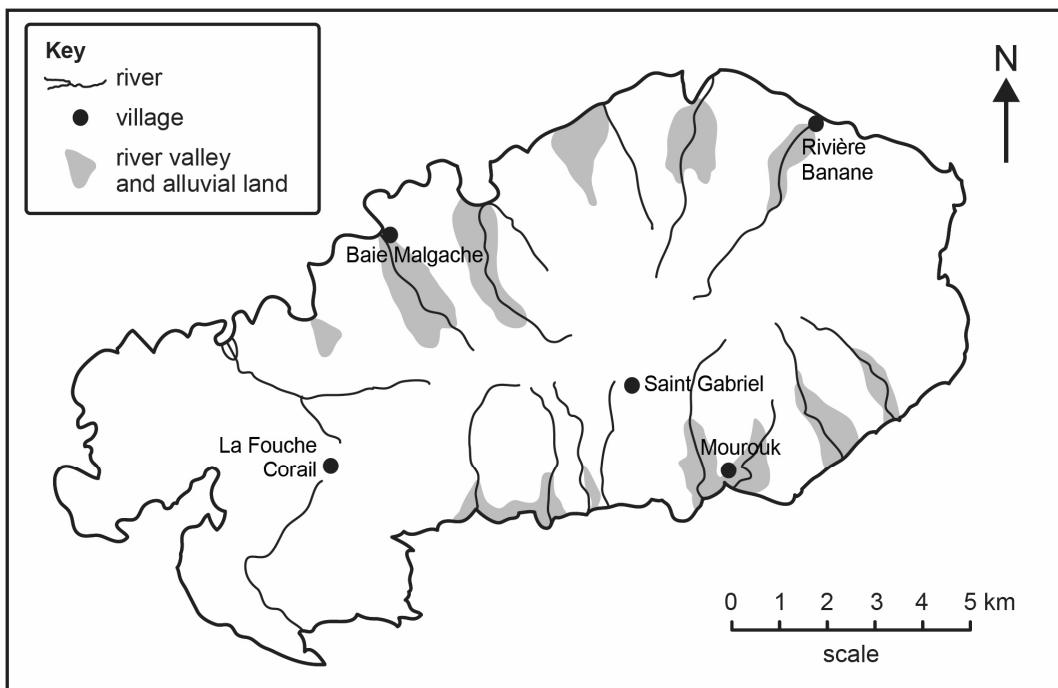
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QUESTION 7 (10 marks)

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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.

.....
.....

[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.

[2]

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

[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.

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[1]

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

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[2]

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

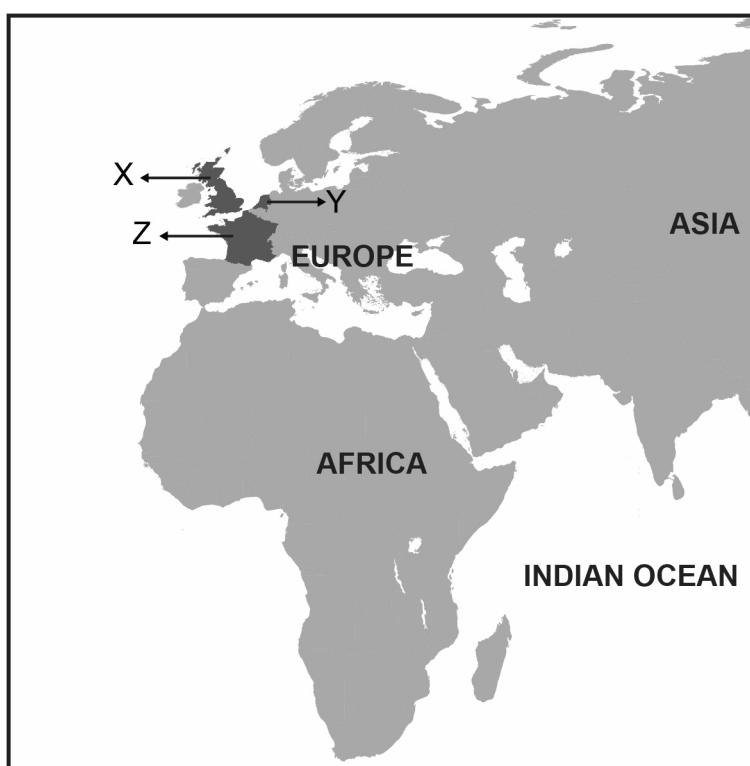
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QUESTION 10 (10 marks)

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

Map 5



		Marks
(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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