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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

2021-2022

Time: 1 hour

Total Marks: 50

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Check that this assessment booklet contains **7** questions printed on **9** pages numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.
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 (6 marks)

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

(a) Which of the following make up 70% of the area of the Earth's surface?

- A** Forests
- B** Mountains
- C** Oceans
- D** Rivers

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(b) Which island forms part of the Mascarene Islands?

- A** Madagascar
- B** Réunion
- C** Seychelles
- D** Tromelin

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(c) A large area of flat and high land is called a

- A** hill
- B** mountain
- C** plain
- D** plateau

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(d) Van Warwick was a sailor.

- A** British
- B** Dutch
- C** French
- D** Portuguese

[1]

(e) From which country did the French introduce coffee to Ile de France?

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

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(f) At the mouth of which river did Governor Vicomte de Souillac build a small port?

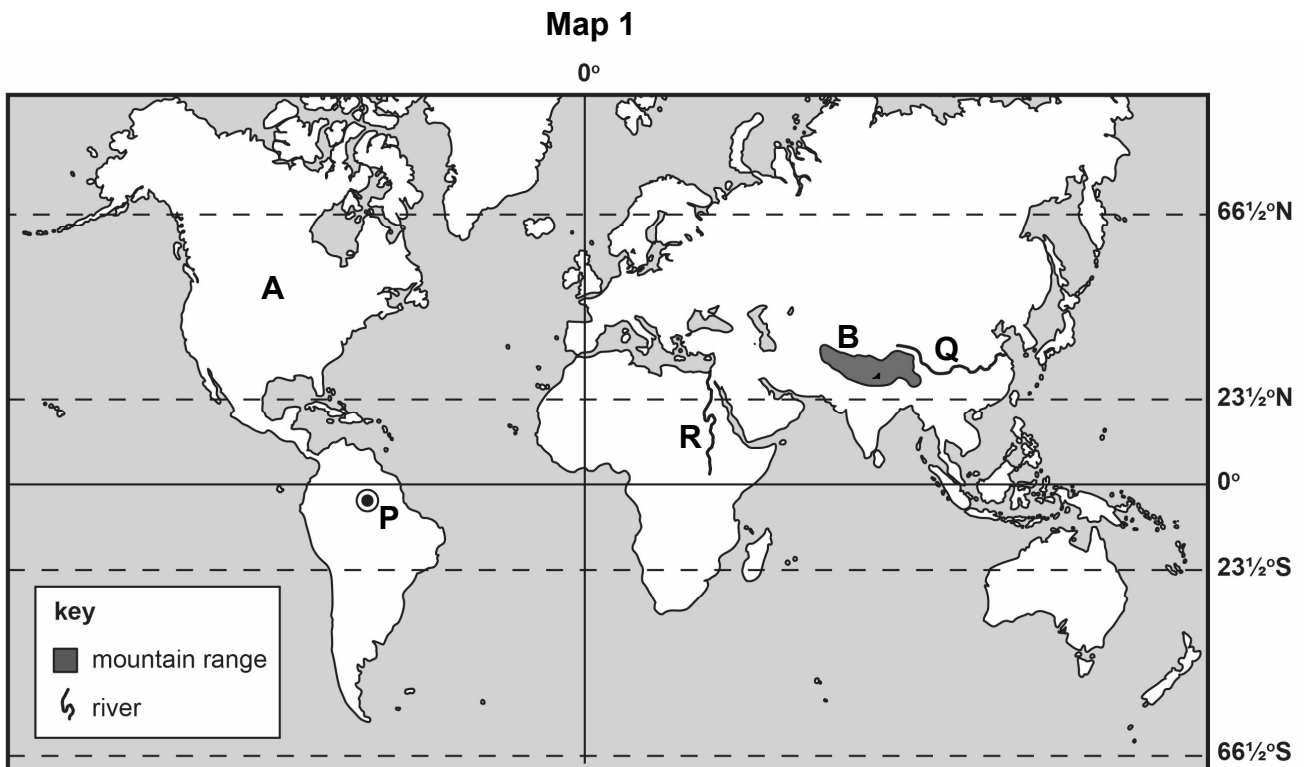
- A** Rivière des Anguilles
- B** Rivière des Créoles
- C** Rivière du Poste
- D** Rivière Savanne

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QUESTION 2 (8 marks)

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



1. What is the name of continent **A**?

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2. What is the name of mountain range **B**?

..... [1]

3. What is the line of latitude 23½° N shown on **Map 1** known as?

..... [1]

4. What is the name of River **R**?

..... [1]

5. Write the letter '**C**' on the map to show the Indian Ocean.

[1]

6. River **Q** is the Yangtse Kiang. It is found in
(Asia, South America)

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7. 'P' on **Map 1** shows the location of a big conservation forest.

What is the environmental importance of this site?

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QUESTION 3 (5 marks)

Read the following statements carefully and state whether they are **True** or **False**.

The first one has been done for you.

1.	The island nearest to Mauritius is Madagascar.	False
2.	Sustainability is about taking actions to maintain and take care of the world we live in.	
3.	The Dutch and the Portuguese took the same route to reach the East Indies.	
4.	The British lost the battle of Grand Port in 1810.	
5.	Agalega was a dependency of Mauritius in the 19th century.	
6.	The higher a place is located the warmer is its climate.	

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QUESTION 4 (9 marks)

Soil erosion is a major problem in Rodrigues.

- (a) What is soil erosion?

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- (b) Tick (✓) the correct boxes in **Table 1** to classify the following causes of soil erosion as **natural** or **man-made**.

Table 1

	Natural causes	Man-made causes
Overgrazing		
Steep slopes		
Heavy rainfall		
Deforestation		

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- (c) What has been done to reduce soil erosion in Rodrigues?

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- (d) How does soil erosion affect the crop production of farmers?

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QUESTION 5 (8 marks)

The Dutch abandoned Mauritius in 1710.

(a) Give three reasons why the Dutch decided to abandon Mauritius in 1710.

1.

2.

3.

[3]

(b) After the Dutch had left, the French took possession of Mauritius in 1715.

Give **two** reasons why the French took possession of the island.

1.

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2.

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[2]

(c) Pierre Poivre created the Botanical Garden at Pamplemousses.

(i) Name **one** spice that Pierre Poivre cultivated there.

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(ii) Why was Pierre Poivre interested in cultivating spices?

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QUESTION 6 (6 marks)

Sir Robert Farquhar became the first British Governor of Mauritius.

He brought many changes in the island such as the building of roads.

- (a) (i) Give **one** reason why Sir Robert Farquhar built more roads.

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- (ii) Name **two** means of transport in Mauritius during the 19th century.

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- (b) Why did Sir Robert Farquhar encourage the cultivation of sugar cane?

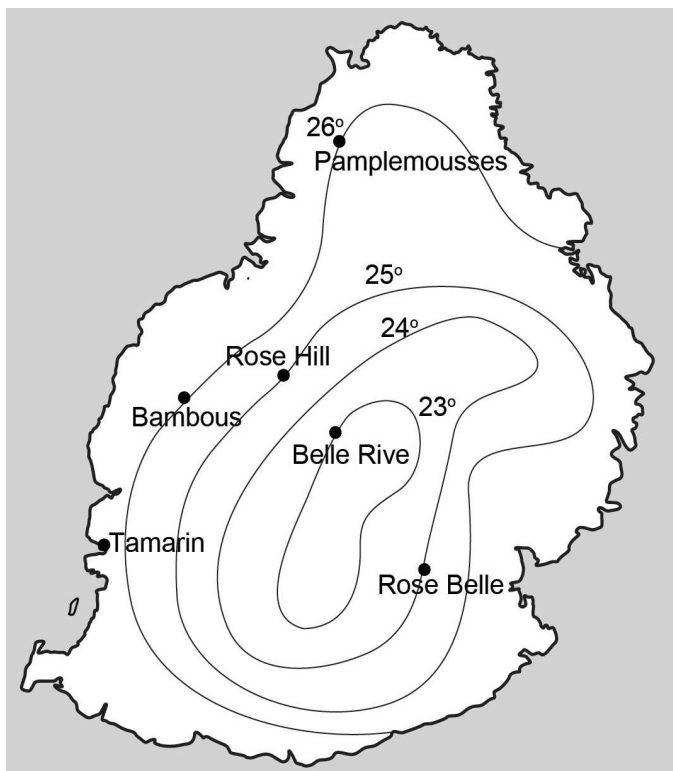
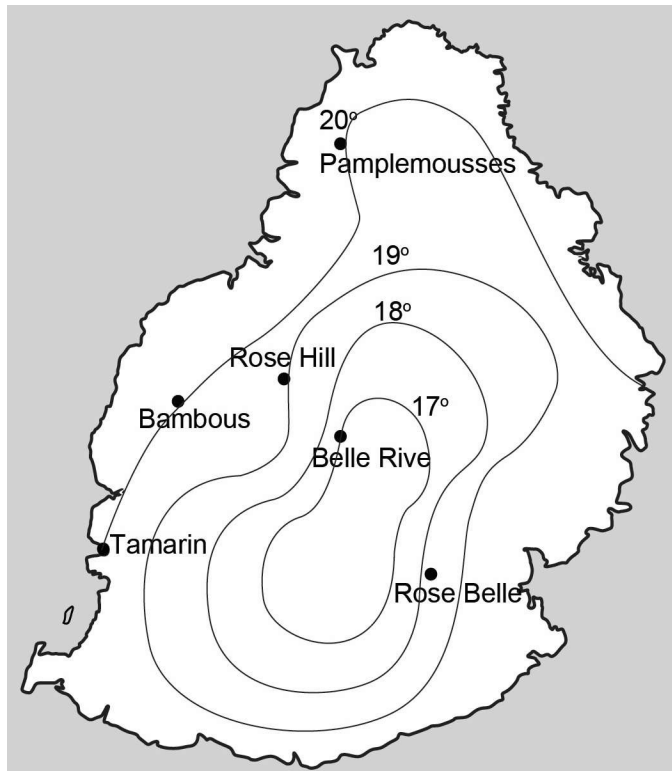
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QUESTION 7 (8 marks)

- (a) **Map 2** and **Map 3** show the temperatures in Mauritius in January (summer) and in July (winter).

Map 2: January (summer)**Map 3: July (winter)**

- (i) Using information from **Map 2** and **Map 3**, fill in the table below.

	Temperature in January	Temperature in July
Belle Rive	23°C	
Pamplemousses		20°C

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- (ii) On **Map 3**, shade the area where the temperature is less than 17° C.

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(b) **Diagram 1** shows the formation of relief rain.

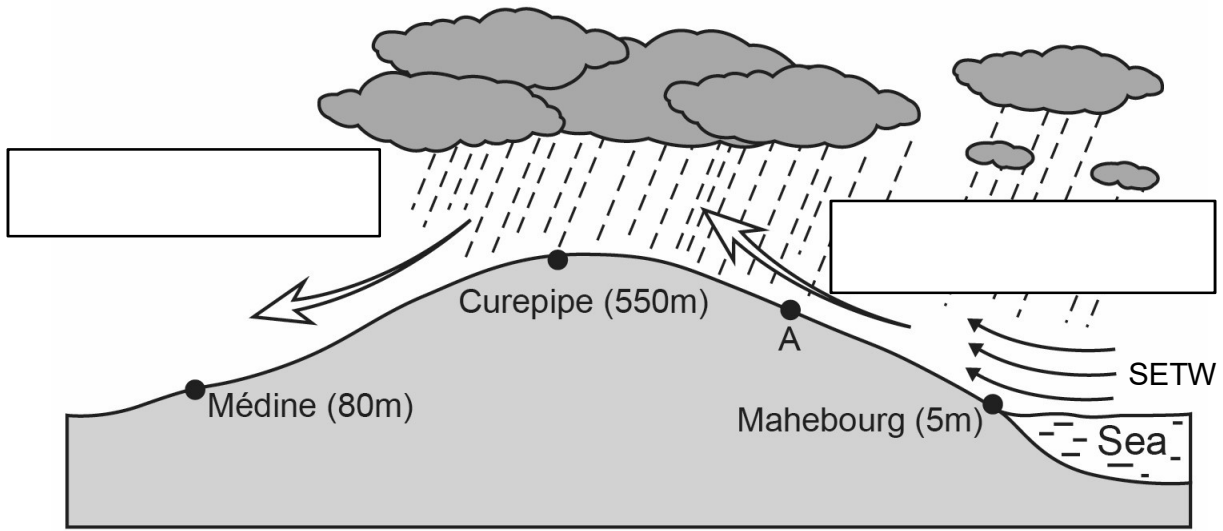


Diagram 1

(i) In **Diagram 1**, write down in the boxes the

1. Windward side
2. Leeward side.

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(ii) What causes the air to rise from Mahebourg to Place 'A'?

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(iii) Why are the South East Trade Winds (SETW) also called prevailing winds?

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