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# HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

(Subject code No. P142/3)

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## MAURITIUS EXAMINATIONS SYNDICATE

### Primary School Achievement Certificate Assessment

Grade 6

2021-2022

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

Total Marks: 100

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Check that this assessment booklet contains **10** questions printed on **15** pages numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.
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 (18 marks)****Part A**

**Circle the correct answer. Each item carries one mark.**

1. In which continent is the Himalayas mountain range found?  
  
**A** Africa  
**B** Asia  
**C** Australia  
**D** Europe
  
2. Which one of the following nature reserves is a marine park?  
  
**A** Black River Gorges  
**B** Blue Bay  
**C** Ile aux Aigrettes  
**D** Vallée de Ferney
  
3. The growing of one crop on a large area is known as .....  
  
**A** market gardening  
**B** mixed farming  
**C** pastoral farming  
**D** plantation agriculture

4. Which one of the following is a cause of climate change?

- A** Burning fossil fuels
- B** Planting trees
- C** Saving water
- D** Using renewable energy

5. Which natural hazard is caused by climate change?

- A** Earthquakes
- B** Flash floods
- C** Tsunamis
- D** Volcanic eruptions

6. The East Indies are known nowadays as .....

- A** China
- B** India
- C** Indonesia
- D** Malaysia

7. Agalega was named by the .....

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

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8. Who was the first European settler in Rodrigues?
- A** Charles Decaen
  - B** François Leguat
  - C** Mahé de Labourdonnais
  - D** Pierre Poivre
9. Governor Vicomte de Souillac built a small port at the mouth of .....
- A** Rivière des Anguilles
  - B** Rivière du Poste
  - C** River Tamarin
  - D** River Savanne
10. Where is the monument commemorating the Dutch landing in Mauritius in the 16th century found?
- A** Black River
  - B** Ferney
  - C** Mahebourg
  - D** Port-Louis

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**Part B**

Write **True** or **False** after each statement.

1. Mauritius obtained its independence on 12th March 1968. ....
2. In Mauritius, torrential rains occur mostly in winter. ....
3. Using land to build roads and motorways is called infrastructural land use. ....
4. Sir Gaëtan Duval Airport is found at Port Mathurin. ....
5. Indentured labourers landed at Aapravasi Ghat. ....
6. The village of Mahebourg was named after French governor Denis de Nyon. ....
7. The Dodo was named by the Portuguese. ....
8. Today, free textbooks are provided to school children. ....

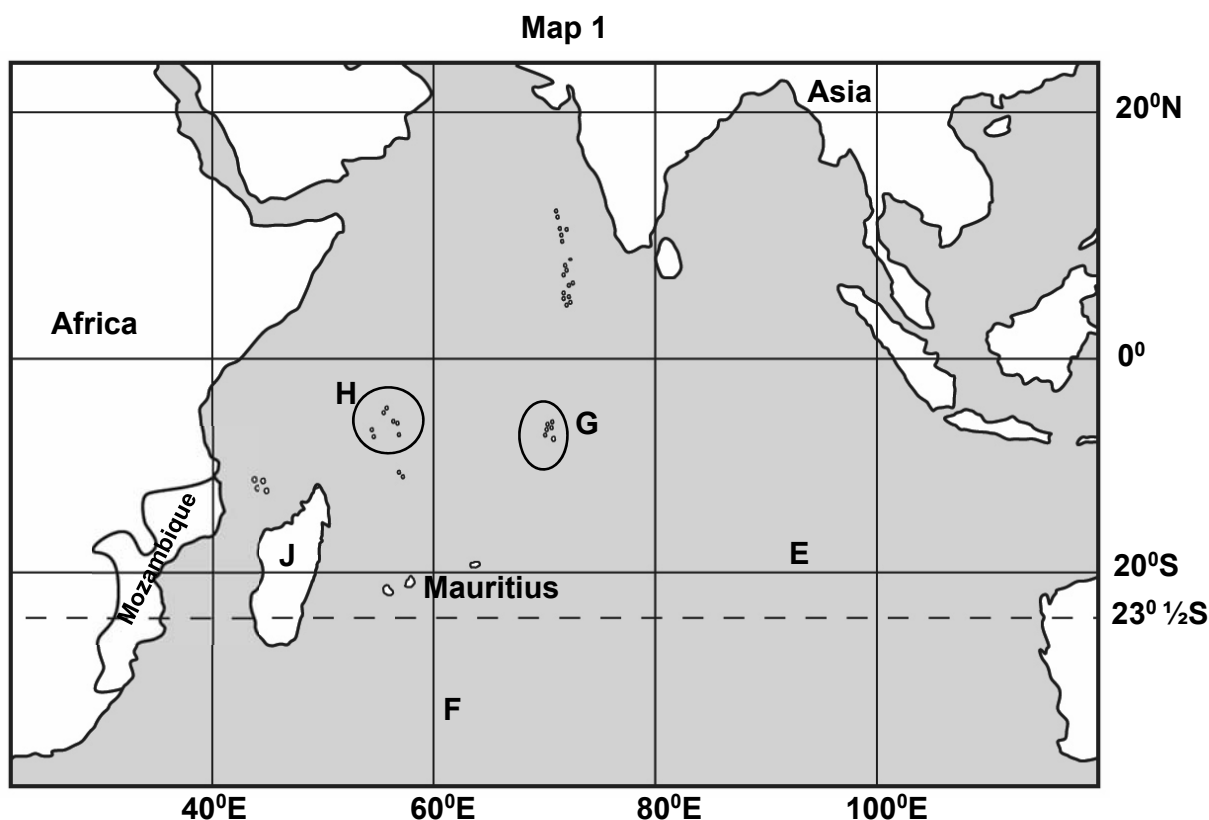
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## Question 2 (9 marks)

Study **Map 1** below which shows the Indian Ocean.

Then answer the questions that follow.



(a) Choose the correct answer.

- (i) Line of latitude **E** is ..... (20°N , 20°S) [1]
- (ii) Line of longitude **F** is ..... (40°E , 60°E) [1]

- (b) (i) Group of islands **G** is called the ..... [1]
- (ii) Group of islands **H** is called the ..... [1]

- (c) (i) What is the name of Island **J**? ..... [1]
- (ii) What is the name of the sea between Mozambique and Island **J**? ..... [1]

(iii) Which continent is closer to Mauritius? Tick (✓) the correct answer.

Asia

☐

Africa

☐

[1]

- (d) **Choose from the words given in brackets.**

Line of latitude  $0^{\circ}$  is called the ..... (**Equator, Tropic of Capricorn**)

It is the ..... part of the Earth. (**coolest, hottest**) [2]

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### Question 3 (10 marks)

Sugarcane cultivation started with the beginning of settlement in Mauritius.

1. (a) (i) **Tick (✓) the correct answer.**

Sugarcane was first introduced in Mauritius in the 17th century by the

Dutch ☐ French ☐ [1]

- (ii) Mahé de Labourdonnais built a sugar mill at ..... [1]

- (b) Describe one physical factor which contributes to sugarcane cultivation in Mauritius.

..... [2]

2. Study **Table 1** which shows sugar production in Mauritius in 2006 and 2015.

**Table 1**

| Year | Sugar production<br>(in tonnes) |
|------|---------------------------------|
| 2006 | 504 850                         |
| 2015 | 400 920                         |

- (a) **Tick (✓) the correct answer.**

From 2006 to 2015, sugar production in Mauritius

increased ☐ decreased ☐ [1]

- (b) Give one reason for the change in sugar production from 2006 to 2015.

..... [2]

3. (a) Apart from sugar, name two other products produced from sugarcane today.

1. ....

2. ....

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(b) Name one special sugar produced in Mauritius.

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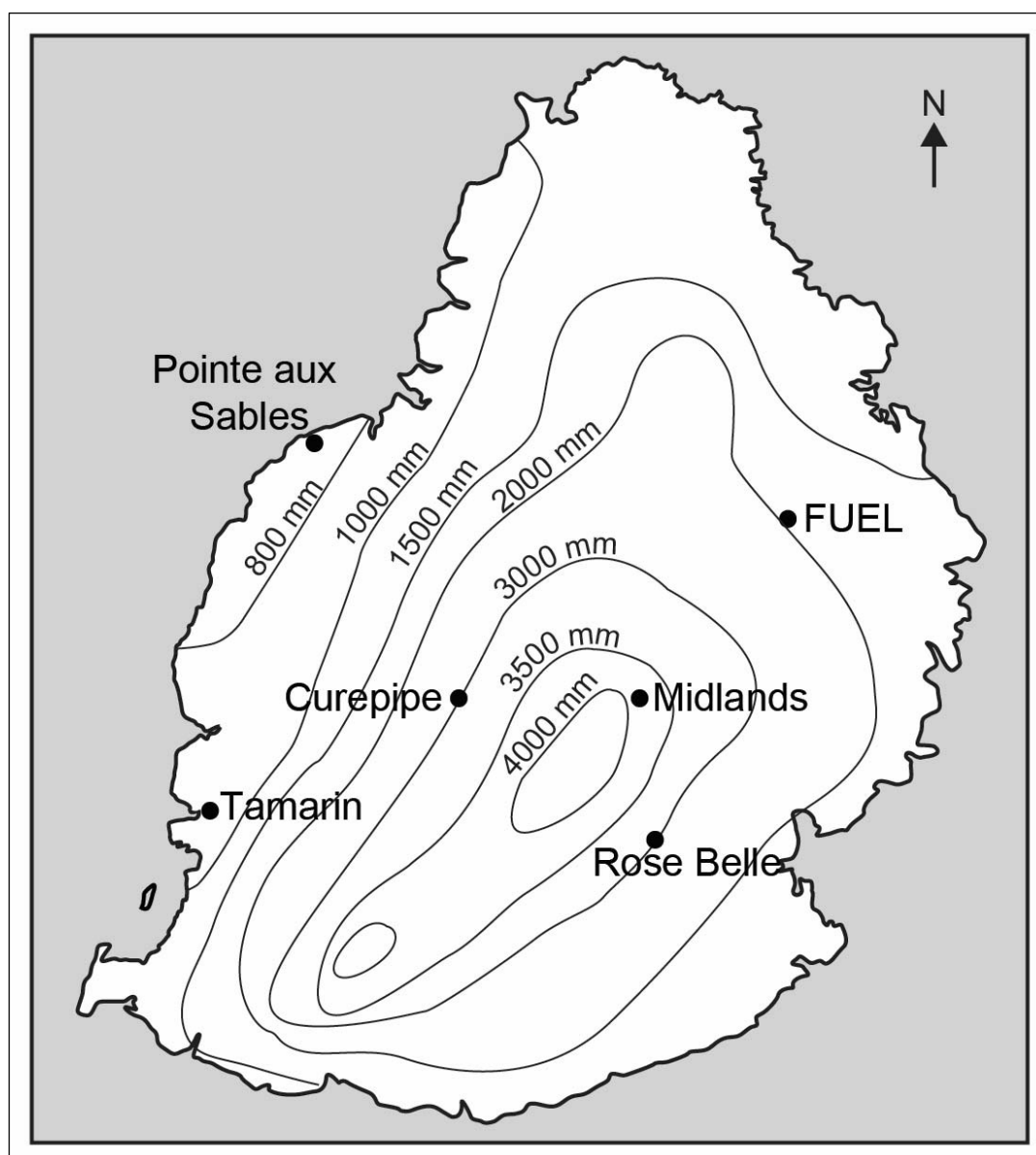
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### Question 4 (11 marks)

1. Study **Map 2** carefully. It shows the annual rainfall distribution in Mauritius. Then answer question (a).

**Map 2**



(a) (i) Lines joining places having the same amount of rainfall on a map are called ..... [1]

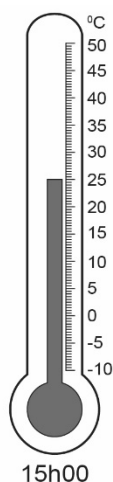
(ii) On **Map 2**, shade like this  the area that receives **less than** 800 mm of rainfall annually. [1]

(iii) Give one reason why Midlands receives more rainfall than Médine.  
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..... [2]

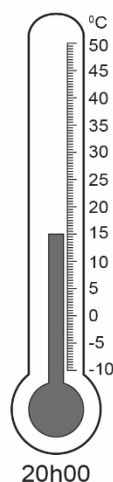
(b) Convective rainfall occurs mostly in summer. Give one reason why.  
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2. Study **Diagrams 1A and 1B** carefully. They show the temperature recorded in Curepipe at 15h00 and 20h00 on 16th June 2022.

**Diagram 1A**



**Diagram 1B**



(a) (i) Name the instrument used to measure temperature.  
..... [1]

(ii) What was the temperature recorded: at 15h00? .....°C  
at 20h00? .....°C [2]

(b) Give one reason why temperatures are lower at night.  
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### Question 5 (8 marks)

The Dutch settled at a place known today as Vieux Grand Port.

- (a) Match the features in **Column A** to the advantages in **Column B** about the place where the Dutch settled.

#### Column A

The bay

Forest

River

Flat land

Animals

#### Column B

To get building materials.

To get freshwater.

To keep their ships safe.

To get seafood.

To build houses.

To get fresh meat.

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- (b) The Dutch also built a fort at Vieux Grand Port.

- (i) What was the name of the fort?

.....

[1]

- (ii) Give one reason why the Dutch built the fort?

.....

[1]

- (c) Give two difficulties that the Dutch had to face in Mauritius.

1. ....

2. ....

[2]

**Question 6 (10 marks)**

The British captured Ile de France in **1810**.

- (a) (i) Where did the British troops land to capture Ile de France?

.....

[1]

- (ii) Why did the British capture Ile de France?

.....

.....

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- (b) (i) Sir Robert Farquhar became the first British Governor of Mauritius.

Give **two** advantages that the inhabitants of Mauritius had during his rule as governor.

1. ....

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2. ....

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- (ii) Sir Robert Farquhar encouraged the cultivation of one crop in Mauritius. Name this crop.

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- (iii) Give one reason why he encouraged the cultivation of this crop.

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### Question 7 (10 marks)

Study the text below and answer the questions that follow.

Moderate storm Emnati was located 1450 km in the North-East of Mauritius. The Mauritius Meteorological station is forecasting heavy rain and strong winds with gusts reaching above 100 km per hour for Mauritius.

Adapted from – *Le Matinal* 17th February 2022

- (a) (i) In which direction was the moderate storm Emnati located from Mauritius?  
 ..... [1]
- (ii) How far was moderate storm Emnati from Mauritius?  
 ..... [1]
- (iii) Which information in the text shows that moderate storm Emnati is a natural hazard?  
 1. ....  
 2. .... [2]
- (b) (i) Schools are closed when there is a cyclone warning class 2.  
 Give one reason why.  
 .....  
 ..... [2]
- (ii) Give two precautions that people have to take **after** the passage of a cyclone.  
 1. ....  
 .....  
 2. ....  
 ..... [4]

# **Question 8 (7 marks)**

The Europeans travelled to the Indian Ocean mainly to trade in spices.

- (a) In the 16th century, the ..... **(British, Portuguese)** were the first to trade in spices in the Indian Ocean. [1]

- (b) Name two countries in the Indian Ocean where spices were obtained for trade.

1. ....

2. ....

[2]

- (c) Name the spices shown in **Picture 1** and **Picture 2**.

**Picture 1**



**Picture 2**



**Picture 1:** .....

**Picture 2:** .....

[2]

- (d) Give two uses of spices today.

1. ....

2. ....

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**Question 9 (10 marks)**

National symbols are symbols that represent a country.

- (a) Identify the two national symbols of Mauritius shown in Pictures 3 and 4.

**Picture 3****Picture 4**

**Picture 3:** .....

**Picture 4:** .....

[2]

- (b) (i) The national flag is another national symbol of Mauritius.  
Name the place where the flag raising ceremony took place in 1968.  
..... [1]
- (ii) Each colour of the national flag represents an important aspect of Mauritius.  
Describe what each colour mentioned below represents.
- Red: .....
- Blue: .....
- Yellow: .....
- Green: ..... [4]

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- (c) **Picture 5** shows the Coat of Arms of Rodrigues. Study it carefully and answer the questions that follow.

**Picture 5**



Name three features on the Coat of Arms of Rodrigues that represent the products of Rodrigues.

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....

[3]

### Question 10 (7 marks)

**Picture 6** shows a monument found at Le Morne.

- (a) (i) Name this monument.

..... [1]

**Picture 6**



- (ii) What is the importance of this monument?

..... [2]

- (b) **Picture 7** shows one museum at Mahebourg in Mauritius.

**Picture 7**



- (i) Name the museum shown in **Picture 7**. ..... [2]
- (ii) Why are museums important in a country?

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..... [2]

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