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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 2023 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 (8 marks)**Circle the correct answer. Each question carries one mark**

1. The line of latitude $66\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ **North** shown on **Diagram 1**

is known as the

- A** Antarctic Circle
- B** Arctic Circle
- C** Tropic of Cancer
- D** Tropic of Capricorn

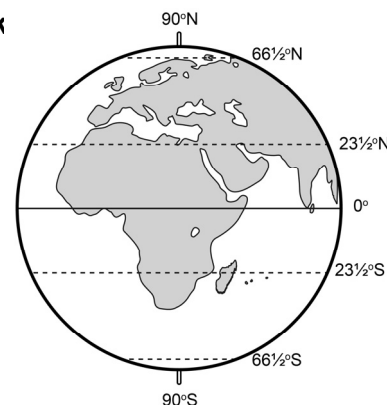


Diagram 1

2. The Mississippi river is found in

- A** Africa
- B** Europe
- C** North America
- D** South America

3. Approximately of the Earth's surface is covered by seas and oceans.

- A** 25%
- B** 50%
- C** 70%
- D** 90%

4. Lines on a map joining places having the same height above sea level are known as

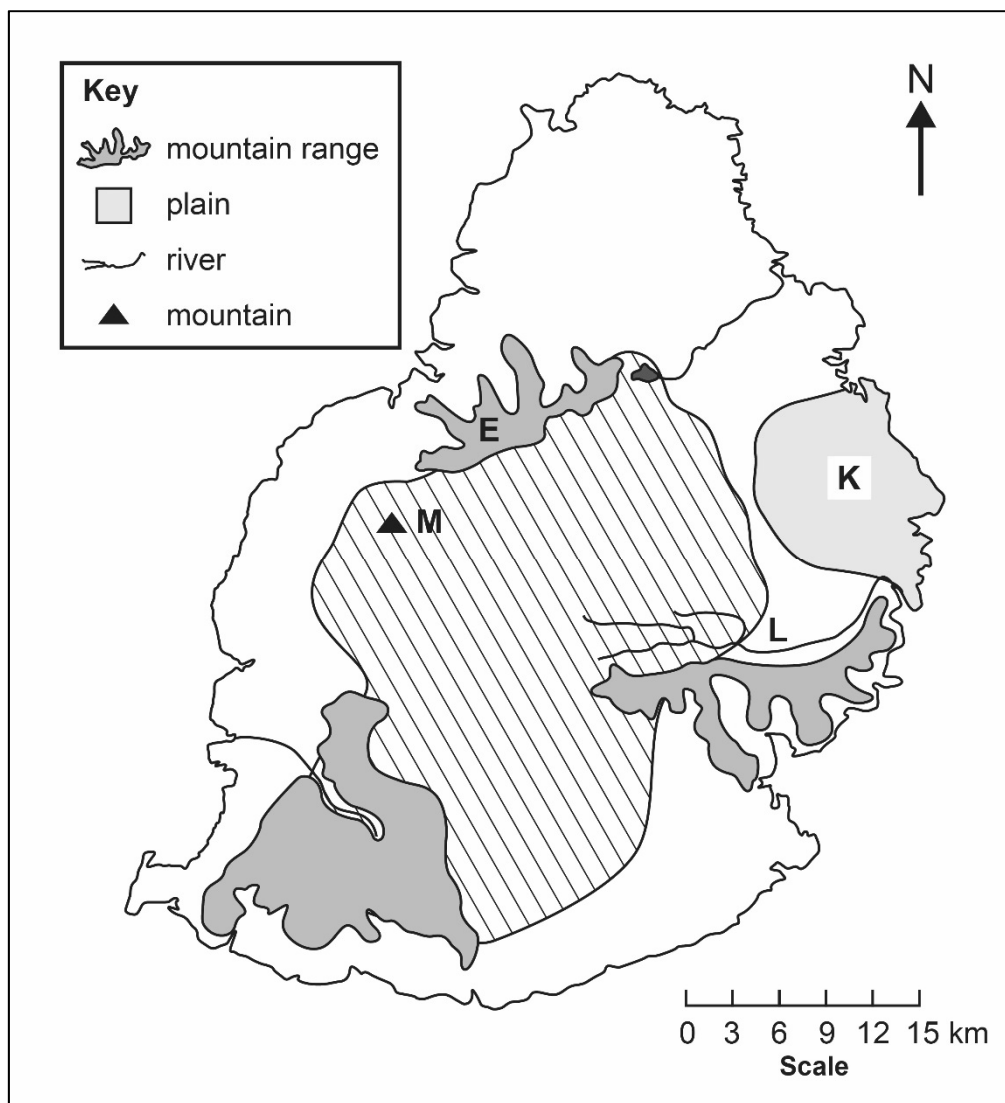
- A** contour lines
- B** isotherms
- C** isohyets
- D** coastlines

5. The East Indies are now known as
- A** Comoros
B Maldives
C Indonesia
D Seychelles
6. Which explorer sailed in the Indian Ocean and reached India in 1498?
- A** Ferdinand Magellan
B Francis Drake
C Pedro Mascarenhas
D Vasco Da Gama
7. Which one of the following was a well-known corsair?
- A** Denis de Nyon
B Robert Surcouf
C Mathurin Bréhinier
D François Leguat
8. Which one of the following is part of the Mascarene Islands?
- A** Agalega
B Chagos Archipelagos
C St Brandon
D Rodrigues

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QUESTION 2 (8 marks)

Study **Map 1** carefully. It shows some relief features in Mauritius. Then answer questions (a) to (g).



Map 1

- (a) (i) Name mountain range **E**.

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[1]

- (ii) Name **one** mountain found in mountain range **E**.

.....

[1]

(b) The relief feature shaded like this  is the [1]

(c) Relief feature **K** is the plain. [1]

(d) What is the name of river **L**? **Circle** the correct answer.

A Rivière du Rempart

B Grand River South East

C Black River

[1]

(e) **Fill in the blank with the correct answer.**

Mountain **M** is

(Tourelle du Tamarin, Corps de Garde)

[1]

(f) Name **one** dormant volcano in the northern part of Mauritius.

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[1]

(g) Which one of the following is the **oldest** relief feature in Mauritius?

Circle the correct answer.

A Mountain ranges

B Central Plateau

C Northern Plains

[1]

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QUESTION 3 (7 marks)

- (a) **Dutch settlers faced many difficulties during their stay in Mauritius.**

Describe **two** difficulties that the Dutch settlers faced.

1.
..... [1]

2.
..... [1]

- (b) **During the French period, plants, animals and other food items were brought to Mauritius.**

Write down the names of the country from which the items listed below were brought.

Choose from the following list of countries:

East Indies	Brazil	Madagascar
France	Arabia	China

Item		Country
(i)	Tea	
(ii)	Cattle	
(iii)	Coffee	
(iv)	Spices	
(v)	Ayapana	

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QUESTION 4 (10 marks)

The French took possession of Mauritius in 1715.

- (a) What name did the French give to Mauritius?

..... [1]

- (b) Give **two** reasons why it was important for the French settlers to develop agriculture on the island.

1. [2]
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2. [2]
.....

- (c) **The French administrator Pierre Poivre cultivated many spices on the island.**

- (i) In which garden, created by Pierre Poivre, were spice plants cultivated?

..... [1]

- (ii) Give **one** reason why spices were cultivated on the island at that time.

..... [2]
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- (d) **Corsairs were active in the Indian Ocean during the French period.**

What was the main activity of the corsairs in the Indian Ocean?

..... [2]
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QUESTION 5 (6 marks)

- (a) Study **Table 1**. It shows the temperature and the height above sea level of different places in Rodrigues.

Table 1

Place	Altitude Height in metres above sea level	Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) Average monthly temperatures for January and July	
		January	July
Plaine Corail	25 m	27 $^{\circ}\text{C}$	23 $^{\circ}\text{C}$
Citronelle	275 m	25 $^{\circ}\text{C}$	19 $^{\circ}\text{C}$
Pointe Canon	58 m	26.5 $^{\circ}\text{C}$	22 $^{\circ}\text{C}$

- (i) What is the temperature in Plaine Corail in January?

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[1]

- (ii) At which place is the temperature the **lowest** in both January and July?

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[1]

- (iii) Give **one** reason why this place has the lowest temperature.

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[2]

- (b) Rodrigues receives less rainfall on the leeward side compared to the windward side. Explain why.

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[2]

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QUESTION 6 (7 marks)

**The Earth is becoming warmer and the climate is
changing all over the world.**

- (a) Give **one** reason why the Earth is getting warmer.

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[1]

- (b) Give **one** effect of climate change on rainfall patterns.

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[2]

- (c) Describe **two** measures that can be taken to combat climate change.

1.

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[2]

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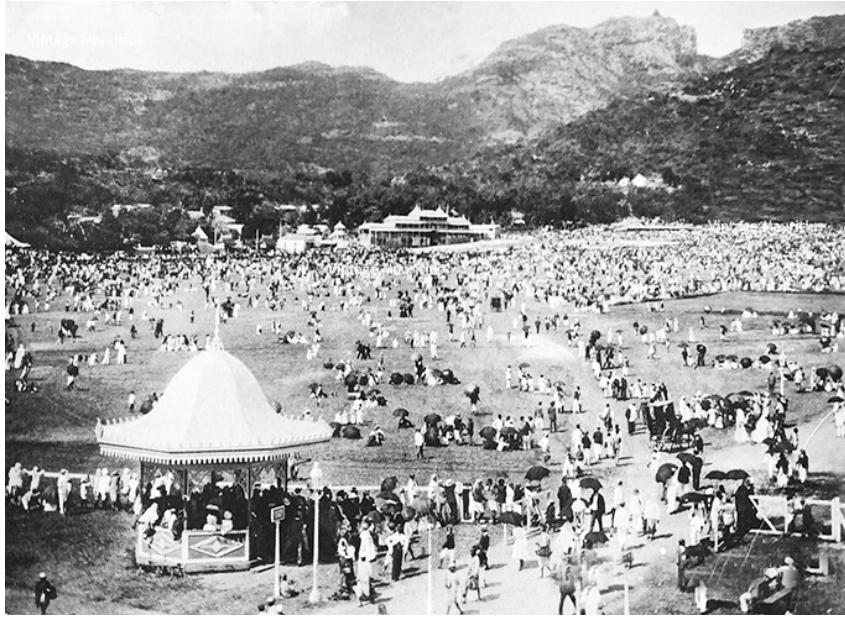
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QUESTION 7 (4 marks)

Picture 1 shows a place in Port Louis in the past.



Picture 1

(a) What is the name of the place shown in **Picture 1**?

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[1]

(b) For what purpose did Mahé de Labourdonnais use this place during French rule?

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(c) Name the recreational activity for which this place is well known today.

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