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# HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

(Subject code No. P142/2)

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MAURITIUS EXAMINATIONS SYNDICATE  
 Primary School Achievement Certificate Assessment  
 Grade 6 Modular  
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 Time 1 hour Total Marks: 50

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Check that this assessment booklet contains **7** questions printed on **10** pages numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.
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 (7 marks)**

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

(a) Using land to build tourist hotels is known as ..... land use.

- A** industrial
- B** infrastructural
- C** recreational
- D** residential

(b) The growing of **one** crop on a large area is called .....

- A** market gardening
- B** mixed farming
- C** pastoral farming
- D** plantation agriculture

(c) Which natural hazard is caused when an earthquake occurs below the ocean floor?

- A** Cyclone
- B** Flash flood
- C** Torrential rain
- D** Tsunami

(d) In which year was slavery abolished in Mauritius?

- A 1715
- B 1810
- C 1835
- D 1968

(e) The **first Mauritian** Governor General was .....

- A Sir Abdool Raman Osman
- B Sir John Shaw Rennie
- C Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam
- D Sir Veerasamy Ringadoo

(f) Who wrote the National Anthem of Mauritius?

- A Louis Bouton
- B Jean Georges Prosper
- C Philippe Gentil
- D Reverend Jean Lebrun

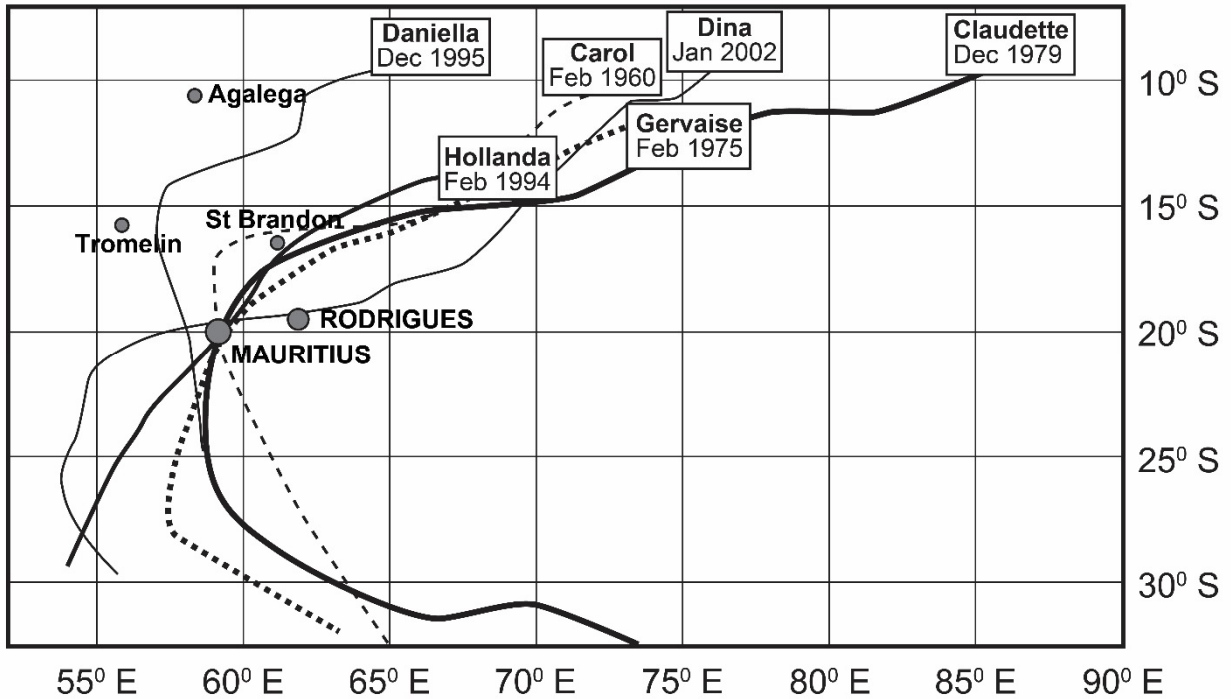
(g) The monument which commemorates the shipwreck of the Saint Géran is found at .....

- A Ferney
- B Pointe Canon
- C Le Morne
- D Poudre d'Or

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**QUESTION 2 (9 marks)**

**Map 1** shows the tracks of some major tropical cyclones that have affected Mauritius.



**Map 1**

(a) (i) In which month were there the highest number of tropical cyclones?

..... [1]

(ii) Name **one** tropical cyclone that did not pass directly over Mauritius.

..... [1]

(iii) Which tropical cyclone travelled the longest distance before passing over Mauritius? Tick (✓) the correct box.

Carol

Claudette

[1]

(b) Why is a tropical cyclone considered a natural hazard?

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

(c) When is a cyclone warning class IV issued by the Mauritius Meteorological Station?

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

(d) Give **two** weather conditions in the eye (centre) of a tropical cyclone.

1. .... [1]

2. .... [1]

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**QUESTION 3 (8 marks)**

**Picture 1** shows the Aapravasi Ghat, the place where the indentured labourers landed on their arrival to Mauritius.



**Picture 1**

(a) Tick (✓) the correct box.

(i) Where is the Aapravasi Ghat located?

Port Louis       Mahebourg       Souillac

[1]

(ii) On which date is the arrival of Indian indentured labourers commemorated?

1st February       12th March       2nd November

[1]

(b) Name **one** port from which the indentured labourers embarked in India to come to Mauritius.

.....

[1]

(c) Describe **two** types of work that the indentured labourers did on the sugar estates.

1. .... [1]

2. .... [1]

(d) How much were the indentured labourers paid for their work each month?

..... [1]

(e) Why did many indentured labourers choose to stay in Mauritius after completing their contract of 5 years?

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..... [2]

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**QUESTION 4 (5 marks)**

State whether the following statements about the impacts of our activities on the environment are **True** or **False**.

One example is given.

(a) **Newspapers can be recycled to make paper bags.** ..... **True**

(b) Biodegradable plastic bags are banned in Mauritius and Rodrigues. ....

(c) Rainwater can dissolve pesticides and contaminate ground water. ....

(d) The clearing of forests protects our environment. ....

(e) Waste dumping is illegal. ....

(f) Organic farming protects the environment and our health. ....

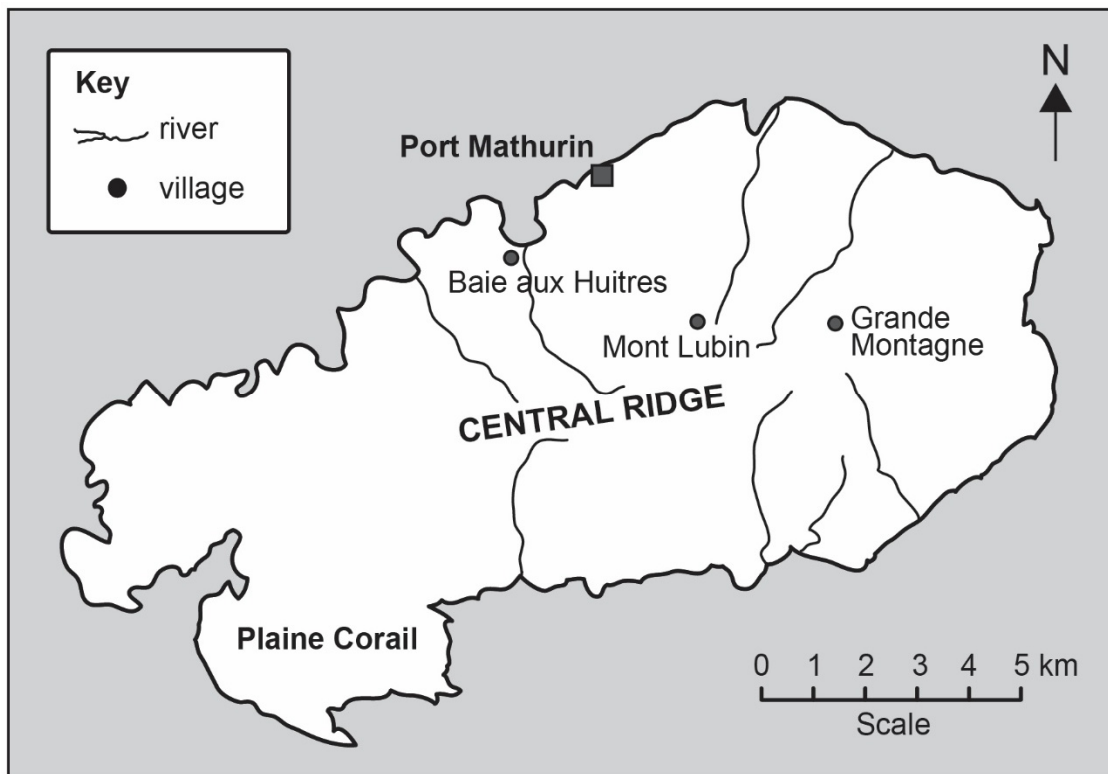
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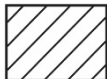
**QUESTION 5 (8 marks)**

1. Study **Map 2** carefully and answer questions (a) and (b).

**Map 2** shows villages and rivers in Rodrigues.



**Map 2**

(a) (i) On **Map 2** shade like this  a river valley where market gardening is practised. [1]

(ii) Give one reason why market gardening is practised in river valleys.

.....

..... [2]



(b) Suggest one measure that the government has taken to help farmers in Rodrigues.

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

2. Answer questions (a), (b) and (c) by choosing the correct answer given in brackets.

(a) Rodrigues was granted autonomy in the year .....  
**(1968, 2002)** [1]

(b) Which bird has become extinct in Rodrigues? .....  
**(Dodo, Solitaire)** [1]

(c) One place of historical interest in Rodrigues is .....  
**(St Gabriel Church, Mt Limon)** [1]

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**QUESTION 6 (6 marks)**

**Picture 2** shows the Frederick Hendrick Museum.



**Picture 2**

(a) Where is the museum in **Picture 2** found?

Tick (✓) the correct box.

Mahebourg  Port-Louis  Vieux Grand Port  [1]

(b) Why was the Frederick Hendrick Museum built?

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

(c) Name **another** museum found in Mauritius.

..... [1]

(d) A museum is a public ..... (**building, garden**) in which  
 valuable things such as ..... (**paintings, monuments**)  
 are kept to be shown to people. [2]

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**QUESTION 7 (7 marks)**

(a) Complete sentences (i), (ii) and (iii) with the correct words.

(i) Mauritius is known as the ..... and Key of the Indian Ocean. [1]

(ii) There are two animals on the Coat of Arms of Mauritius: a dodo and a ..... [1]

(iii) In 1992, Mauritius became a ....., with a President as Head of State. [1]

(b) Why is it important for a country to have a Coat of Arms?

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

(c) What does the colour **green** in the National Flag represent?

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

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