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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

This examination paper consists of two Sections; **A** *and* **B.** *It has* **six** *items.*

Section **A** has *two* **compulsory** *items.*

Section **B** *has* **two** *Parts;* **I** *and* **II.** *Respond to* **one** *item from* **each** *part.*

Respond to **four** *items* **in all.**

You may use diagrams, where applicable, to illustrate your responses.

Any additional item(s) responded to will **not** *be scored.*

Responses to **each** *part of an item should be started on a* **fresh** *page.*

All *responses* **must** *be written in the answer booklet(s) provided.*

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SECTION A

Respond to **both** *items in this section.*

Item 1

For this item, use the East Africa (Uganda) 1:50,000 series Y732, sheet 71/3, edition 3-U.S.D, map extract of Kajansi and information in the text to respond.

Kajansi is a highly populated area located north of Lake Victoria. It has a number of wetlands, forests and thickets that influence its climate, but these are being encroached on. The people of Kajansi engage in a number of economic activities that include; tea farming, urban agriculture, fishing, manufacturing, transport and trade. Most of these are energy consuming. Main sources of energy to run households and businesses in Kajansi are hydroelectric power, biomass and petroleum.

Of recent, economic activities in Kajansi have been declining due to the effects of climate change. Environmental Scientists have warned that this will continue unless businesses and households put measures that control climate change effects.

The local leaders want to map out the places that are contributing most to the effects of climate change in Kajansi and advise accordingly. You are required to support them in this task.

Task:

(a) Draw a sketch map required by the local leaders.

(b) Suggest measures that should be adopted to control the effects of climate change in the area.

Item 2

For this item, use the photograph provided and information in the text to respond.

The industry shown in the photograph was established in the area which is primarily an agricultural community in East Africa. However, the need to expand the industry has caused displacement of more people in some places. This has created conflicts between the community and the industry, as well as affecting the livelihood of the local people. Consequently, there is need to find lasting solutions to the conflicts.

As a way of resolving these conflicts, the cultural and industry leaders in the area have agreed to establish the size of land covered by the industry and recommend way forward. You are required to support them in this task.



Turn Over

Task:

(a) Using a sketch, describe the area covered in the photograph.

(b) Suggest measures that should be taken to resolve the conflicts in the area.

SECTION B

Part **I**

Respond to only **one** *item in this part.*

Item 3

East Africa has more natural lakes than any other region of Africa. The major lakes in East Africa can be categorised as in table **1**.

Table 1: *Categories of natural lakes in East Africa.*

	Category 1	**Category 2**
1	Have saucer shaped depressions with gentle slopes.	Have long narrow depressions with steep slopes.
2	Have irregular shapes with vegetation lining their shores.	Have regular shapes with very little or no vegetation lining their shores.
3	Have shallow waters.	Have deeper waters.
4	Have fresh waters with many species of fish.	Have saline waters with less species of fish.

"Visit East Africa", an organisation that advertises investment opportunities in East Africa intends to publish information about lakes in the region. The organisation wants to map-out lakes of these categories and identify investment opportunities around them. You are required to support them in this task.

Task:

(a) Draw a sketch map of East Africa showing the locations of the two categories of lakes.

(b) Explain the investment opportunities that exist around these lakes.

Item 4

The community living near the broad river valley shown in figure **1** below, live in constant fear of floods and sicknesses such as typhoid, malaria and bilharzia.

Because of the frequent occurrence of floods, diseases and death in the area, the Village Health Team (VHT) has decided to look out for scientific explanations for the occurrences in the area.

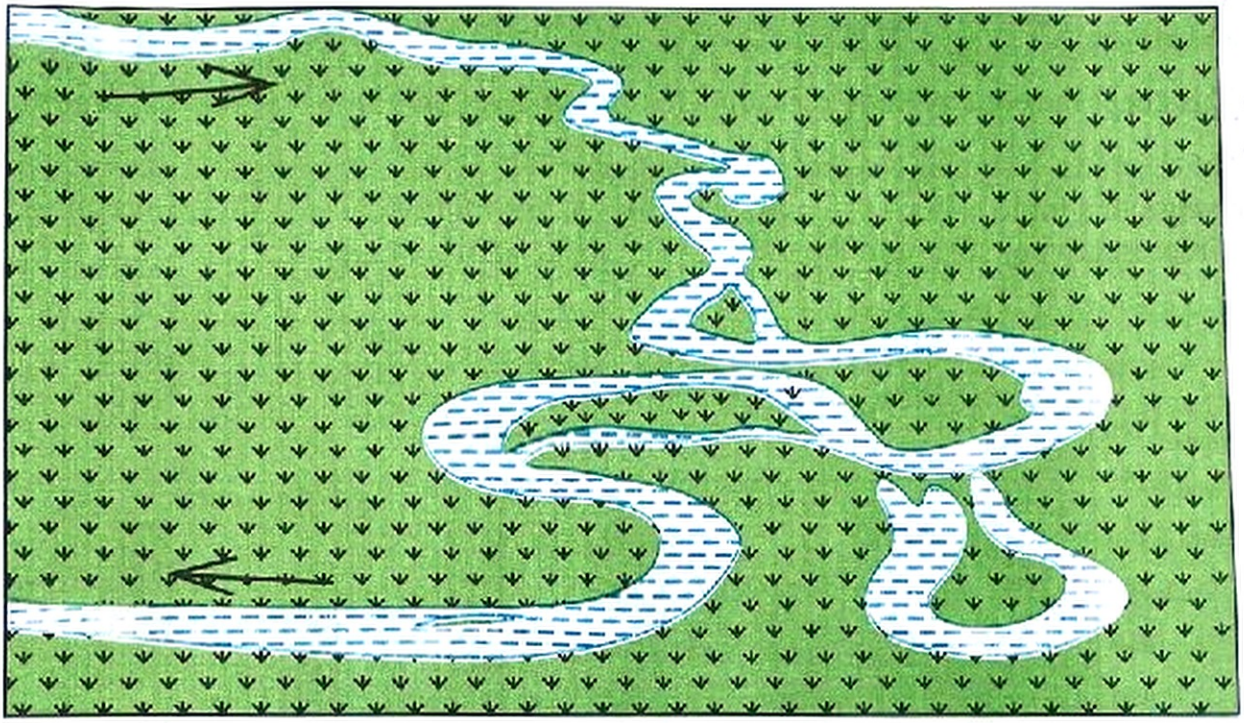


Fig. 1 *Lower section of a river valley.*

Task:

Study the situation in the area and;

(a) provide an explanation to the team about the frequent occurrence of disasters in the area.

(b) recommend measures that should be taken to reduce the occurrence of the disasters.

Part **II**

Respond to only **one** *item in this part.*

Item 5

Uganda spends more income on imports than it earns from exports as seen in figure **2**. In June 2024, Uganda earned 717 million US dollars from exports and spent 1,136.9 million US dollars on imports. Uganda imports essential goods like fuel, machinery, manufactured goods and exports raw and semi-processed agricultural commodities, fish and minerals.

This keeps the country in debt, leading to borrowing of money to finance her imports.

The Uganda National Students Association (UNSA) has organised a meeting to discuss this trade pattern and make suggestions for improvement. You are required to represent your school in the meeting and make a presentation.

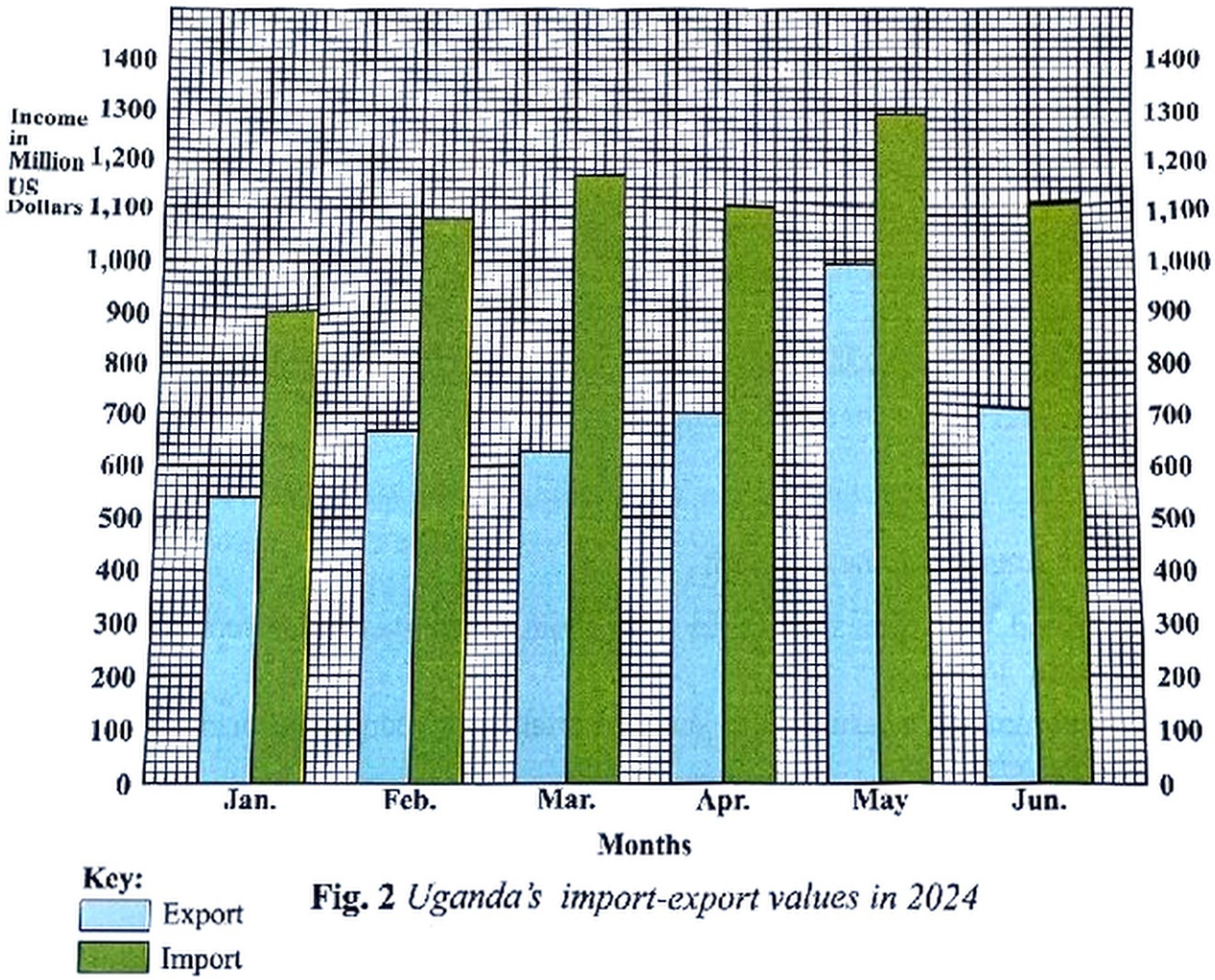


Fig. 2 *Uganda's import-export values in 2024*

Task:

Study the graph in figure **2** and;

(a) describe the trend of Uganda's import-export values from January to June 2024.

(b) suggest measures that should be taken to address the challenges in the scenario.

Item 6

Uganda's urban population is steadily increasing as shown in table 2. The rate of increase is estimated to be 5.036% per annum.

Table 2: *Uganda Urban population increase from 2019 – 2025.*

Year	Population
2025	15,431,000
2024	14,636,000
2023	13,026,000
2022	12,342,000
2021	11,732,000
2020	11,094,000
2019	10,439,000

Adapted: *Uganda urban population tradingeconomics.com 2025.*

By 2020, Uganda's urban population was 24.5% of the country's total population. Such a rate of urban population increase is likely to threaten the urban environment and well-being of the people. The urban authorities, therefore, have a responsibility to plan for such an increasing population.

The Uganda National Students Association (UNSA) has organised a workshop in which presenters are expected to discuss the trend of Uganda's urban population increase and recommend strategies that should be adopted to accommodate it. You should prepare to represent your school in the workshop.

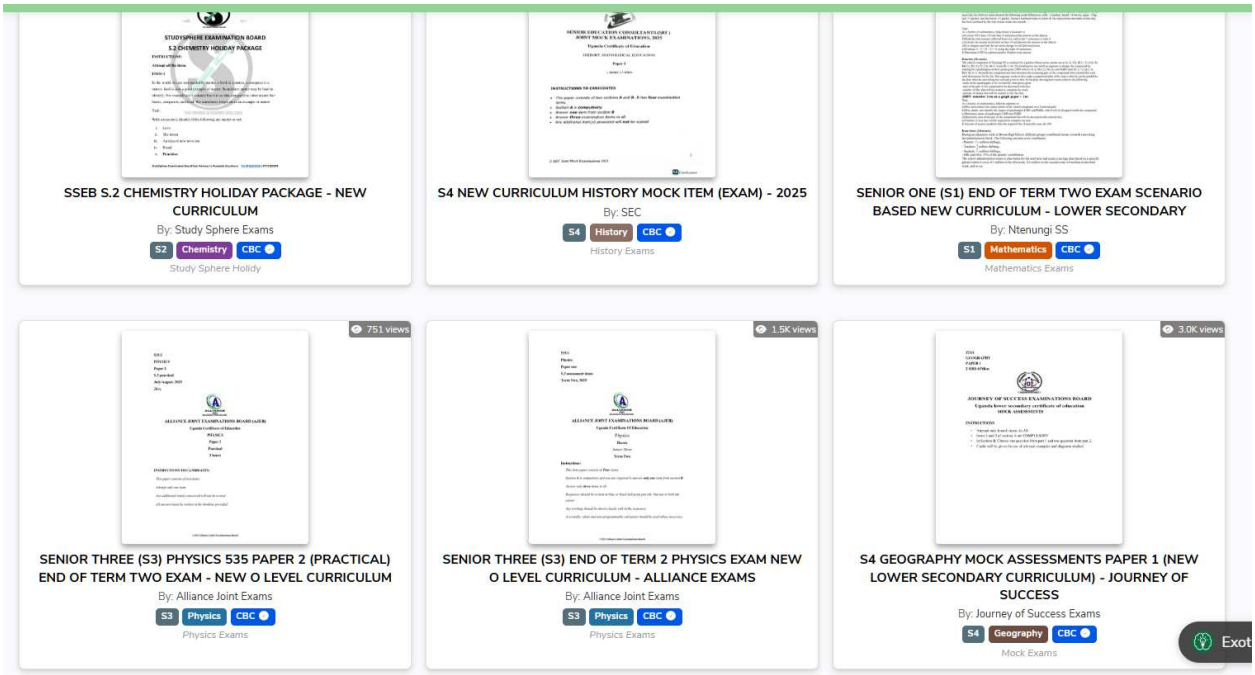
Task:

(a) Using an appropriate statistical diagram, describe the trend of increase in Uganda's urban population from 2019 to 2025.

(b) Recommend strategies that should be adopted to prepare urban centres for such increase.

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