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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.*

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

Responses to each part of the item **must** *be started on a fresh page.*

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SECTION A

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

Item 1: Map skills

Use EAST AFRICA 1:50,000 (UGANDA) KOC, map extract sheet 22/3 series Y732 Edition 1- USD to respond to the tasks.

Koc, lies 32° 05' East of the Greenwich and 2° 35' North of the Equator and blessed with several resources especially vegetation, vast land and ideal climate made up of moderate seasonal rainfall. The resources above provide opportunities for the communities in to have a better livelihood when properly used.

However, the communities are mostly living a subsistence livelihood due to the scattered rural settlement and limited motorable transport routes. The newly posted Community Development Officer (**CDO**) has organized a community development workshop at Koc school to create awareness on how the resources of the area can be used to transform the livelihood of the people to middle income status. You are invited to make a presentation on the utilization of vegetation resources to benefit several generations in the area.

Task:

Prepare a document you are going to use in the workshop and in it include;

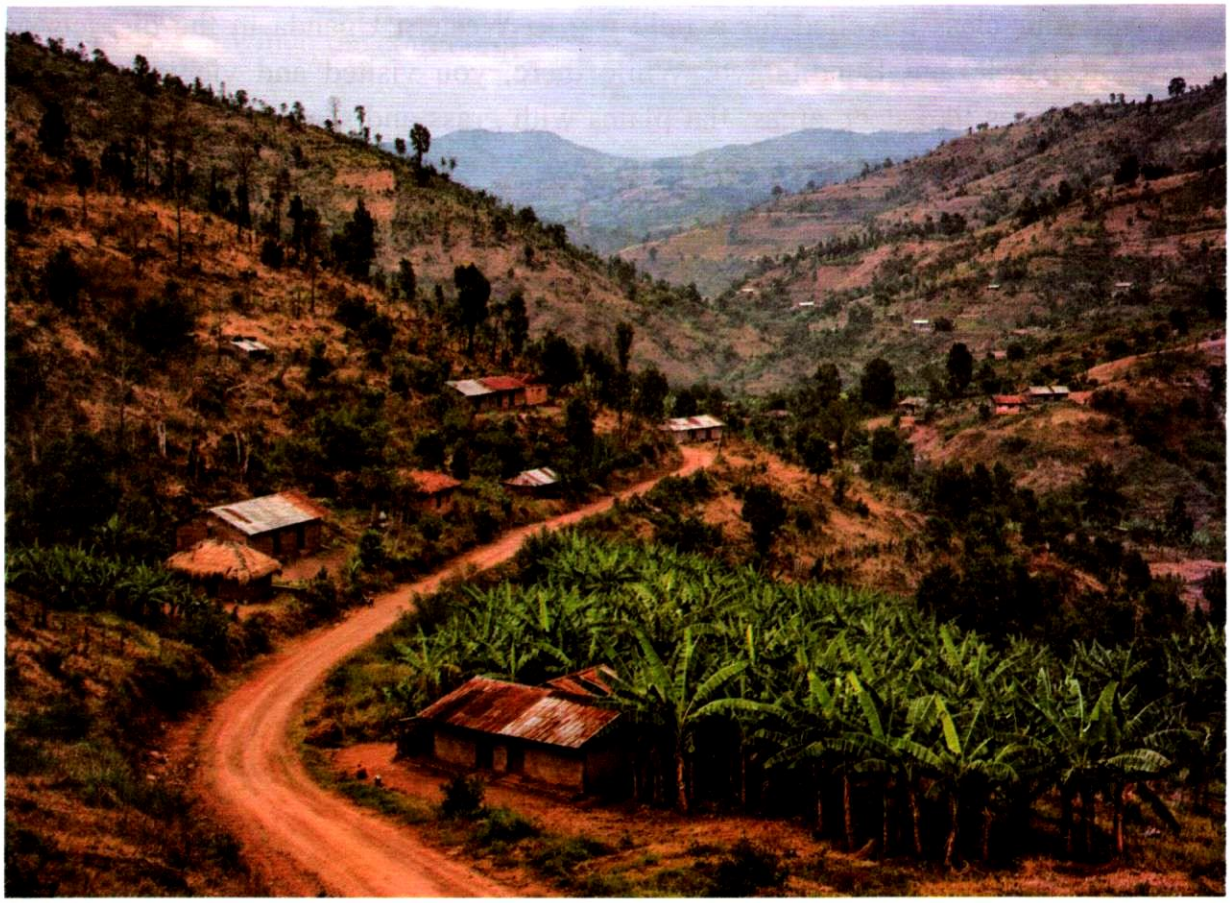
a) Location of the vegetation types and **major** communication routes to the venue
b) Explanation of how the community shall utilize the vegetation to benefit generations.

Item 2: Photographic Skills

Forests are some of the most important resources in Africa because they play a great role in the environment and human livelihood. They contribute to atmospheric moisture, air purification and host a variety of biodiversity in environment and provide sources of medicine, attract tourist and wood products to the surrounding and distant communities.

However, it is the most abused resource through unchecked human activities that have led its degradation and reduction in coverage in most areas. If the pattern and rate of destruction is not regulated, most African countries are likely to lose the biodiversity, experience harsh weather conditions and decline in agriculture.

The African Forestry and Wildlife Commission (AFWC) has organized a regional conference in your country for secondary schools on the best ways of utilizing forests and increasing the forest coverage.



Task:

a) Using the photograph, identify the economic activities responsible for the destruction of forests vegetation in the area.

b) Explain how the forest cover in the area can be increased.

SECTION B

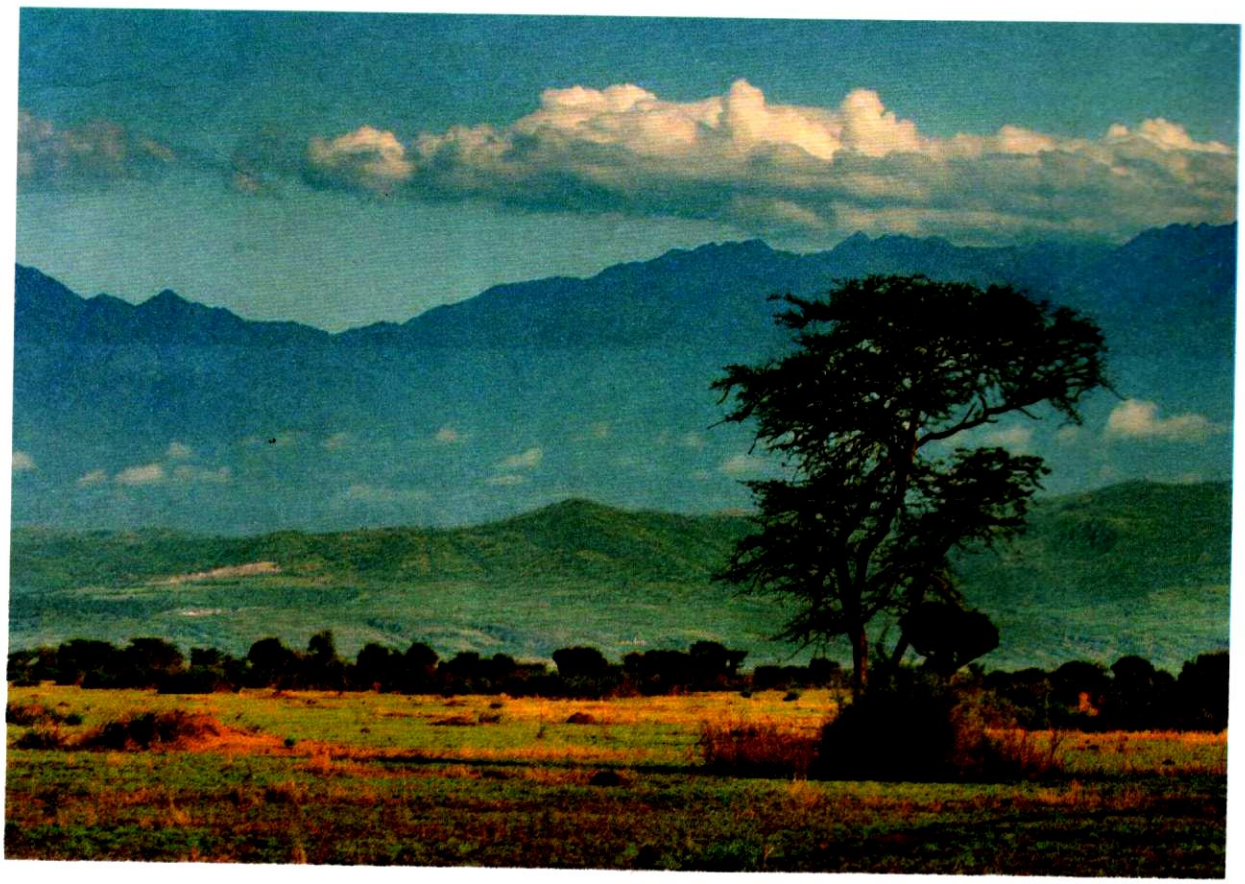
Part I

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

Item 3

last year, your class travelled for a field trip to Western Uganda in the districts of Kasese, Kabarole and Bundibugyo. While there, you visited and viewed a lot of physical features like steep areas, flat plains with grass and scattered tree vegetation and a massive upland in all the areas you passed.

You also saw some dotted settlements on the steep and upland areas, with small gardens and roads having deep ditches. The structure and sized of the upland amazed most of your class mates and they got interest in discovering how it was formed. When you interacted with the local community, they were unable to explain to you. They also told you the challenges they face related to terrain like occasional down ward rolling of rocks and mud, coldness, inaccessibility of some areas, flooding low land areas. These challenges have their lives difficult and the local leaders have done little to help them.



Task:

When you returned to school the head of department geography asked you to make a report and in it include the explanation of the:

a) Information about the formation of the upland you observed.
b) Ways in which the communities in the area can cope with the challenges

Item 4

Africa is blessed with a variety of water bodies ranging from Oceans, Seas, Lakes and Rivers which spread in different regions of the continent. These major drainage features if used well would transform the lives of the local communities for a long period.

East Africa for example has a network of rivers in different parts that surrounding communities have misused hence reducing their long-term values. African representatives of The Global Water Partnership (GWP), an international organization which promotes integrated water resources management in river basins have planned to visit several river basins in Eat Africa in the next five months. They have visited one of the rivers shown in the photograph below to assess the damage caused by the communities. Their experience was worrying hence calling for the need for community awareness. Through the department of Water and Environment, they organized a meeting with community where you were invited to make a geographical presentation on the dangers of the human activities and benefits of restoring the river basin.



Task:

Prepare a presentation you are going to use and in it;

a) Locate major rivers in the region visited by the representatives of the organization.

b) Guide the local community on the benefits they shall enjoy by restoring the river basin in the area.

PART II

Respond to only **one** *item from this part*

Item 5

In the past century, Africa has experienced a high population growth rate. This is evidenced by the increased urban growth, pressure on resources, youth bulge among others. just like other parts of the world is experiencing a high level of urban growth cities in different countries. The rapid urban growth has been brought by rapid increase of people living in towns due to many jobs, better social services, several commercial

activities etc. This pattern of urban growth has brought a lot of benefits like increased production, improved infrastructure and large market.
However, rapid urbanization in some parts of Africa has caused a lot of environmental and social challenges especially where the urban authorities and planners have done little to improve on the urban facilities.

The union of African Population Studies (UAPS) through the African Population Conference (APC) has organized a one-week conference for City Authorities and Planners in one of the cities in your country on how to make urban life better and you are invited to attend.

Support material

A table 1 showing selected Cities in African countries and their population between 2010 and 2020

City	Years	
	2010	2020
Cairo	11. 30	20.90
Nairobi	3. 24	6. 55
Abuja	1.95	3.28
Pretoria	1.90	2.27
Kampala	1.75	3.30

Adapted: *The UN World Urbanization Prospects Data 2022.*

Task:

You are going to make a presentation in during the conference and in it;

a) Use a suitable statistical graph to represent the information in the scenario.
b) Explain to the stakeholders how life in expanding urban areas of Africa can be made better.

Item 6

Communication has played a great role in society for a long period of time. It has played great roles in the traditional and modern societies. For example, in the traditional society, it passed information about events, disasters, war preparedness, hunting expeditions among others. In the modern society, it has gone beyond passing information to getting life better in various ways like trade, entertainment, education, security, employment among others.

However, the wide spread and uncontrolled modern communication sue especially among the youth has greatly changed societal behavior unlike in the past. If this pattern is not checked serious negative consequences may ruin the life of the future generations. The Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) has launched a drive to sensitize the youth about the need to regulate access to communication platforms and information given the exploding numbers of mobile telephone subscriptions but they are opposed to the plan. A secondary school debate has been in your region and you are required to present information in support of the government's plan.

Table II: Pattern of mobile phone subscription in Uganda between 1995 and 2015

Year	**Number mobile phone subscription**
1995	3500
2000	130,000
2005	1,500, 000
2010	10,000,000
2015	21,200,000

Task:

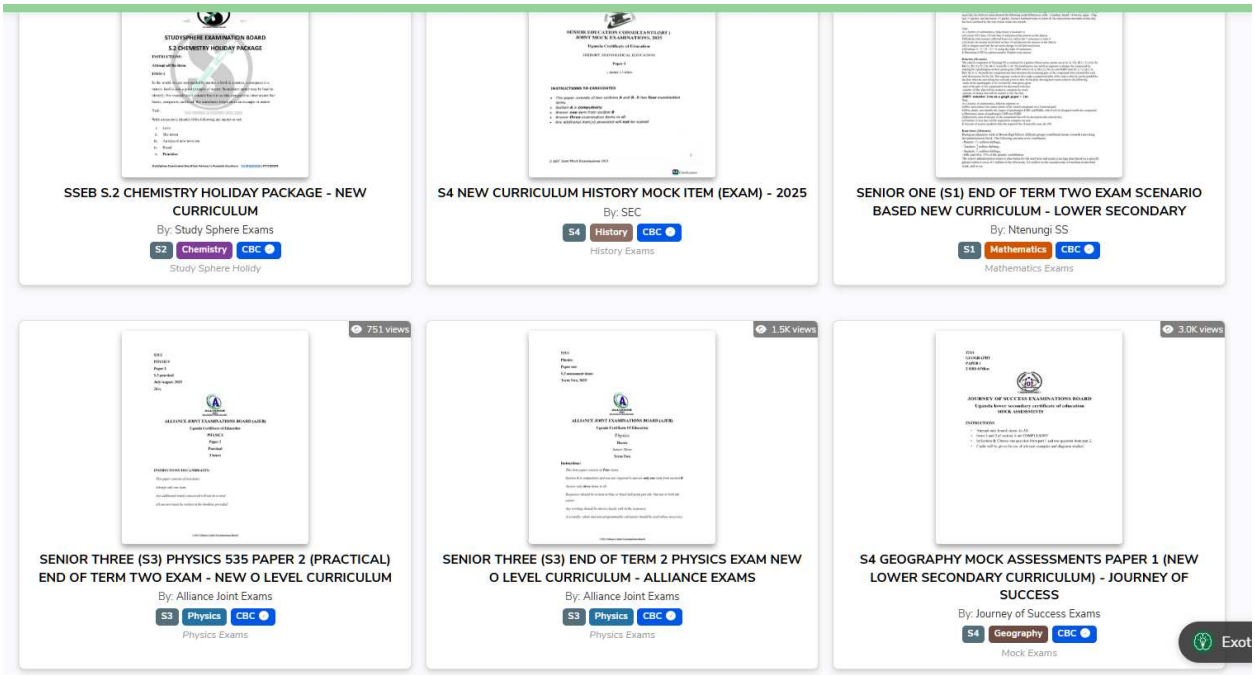
Prepare a speech you are going to make to support your argument and in it;

a) Use a suitable statistical diagram to show the information in the scenario.

b) Explain to the youth why they should accept and support the government plans.

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