SOCIAL STUDIES P.6

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THE CLIMATE OF EAST AFRICA.

What is climate?

✓ Climate is the average weather condition of a place recorded for a long period of time.

What is climatology?

✓ This is the study of climatic conditions.

Who is a climatologist?

✓ Is a person who studies climatic conditions

What is meteorology?

✓ This is the study of weather conditions.

Who is a meteorologist?

✓ Is a person who studies weather conditions

CLIMATIC REGIONS OF EAST AFRICA.

- Equatorial climatic region
- ☐ Mountain/ Montane Climate
- □Semi desert/ Semi-arid climate
- □Tropical climate
- □Coastal climate

EQUATORIAL CLIMATIC REGIONS

- ✓It is hot and wet throughout the year.
- ✓It has two maximum rainy seasons in a year.
- ✓It receives heavy rainfall all the year between 1750mm 2250 mm
- ✓ High temperatures above 25°C.
- ✓ Convectional rainfall is received in this area.
- ✓ This climate is experienced in areas that lie 5°N and S of the Equator.
- ✓In E. Africa, it is found near L. Victoria.

MONTANE CLIMATIC REGIONS

- ✓It is mainly found around mountain regions
- ✓It receives relief rainfall
- ✓ Temperature is influenced by altitude i.e the higher you go, the cooler it becomes.

Mountains with permanent snow are

- Rwenzori
- Kilimanjaro
- Mt. Kenya

Economic activities

- Lumbering
- Farming
- Tourism
- Mining
- Dairy farming

TROPICAL CLIMATE

- ✓It is outside the Equatorial zone but within the Tropic of Cancer and Capricorn.
- ✓It covers most plateau lands in E. Africa.
- ✓It mainly supports of Savannah Vegetation
- ✓It doesn't receive rainfall throughout the year
- ✓It has two rainfall seasons between March and May, Sept Oct.
- ✓ Rainfall ranges between 750 mm 1000 mm in a year.
- ✓Temperatures are high throughout the year and convectional rainfall is experienced.
- ✓ Temps are high throughout the year with an average of 27°C.
- ✓It has a wet and dry season

SEMI DESERT / SEMI – ARID CLIMATE

- ✓ It is hot and dry
- ✓ Hot days and cold nights.
- ✓ Little amount of rainfall is received.
- ✓ Temperatures are high during day.
- ✓ Rainfall is less than 500mm per year.
- ✓It is found in North Eastern Uganda, North and North Eastern Kenya and Central Tanzania.
- ✓ Temperature range is high

ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

<u>Tropical climate</u>

- ✓ Tourism
- √ Farming / Crop growing
- ✓ Mining
- √Cattle keeping

Semi-desert climate

- ✓ Nomadic Pastoralism
- √ Crop farming
- ✓ Mining
- ✓ Tourism

THE COASTAL CLIMATE REGION

- ✓It is found in the coastal plains
- ✓ Climate is hot and wet
- ✓It receives heavy rainfall through out the year.
- ✓It has two rainy seasons that is May and Oct.
- ✓Temperatures range between 28° C 30° C

Economic activities

- Farming
- Tourism
- Trade
- Fishing



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