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History and  
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Paper 1  
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2¼ hours



## MATIGO EXAMINATIONS BOARD

Uganda Certificate of Education  
HISTORY AND POLITICAL EDUCATION

### Paper 1

2 hours 15 minutes

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

*This paper consists of sections **A** and **B**. It has **four** examination items.*

*Section **A** is **compulsory**.*

*Answer **one** item from Section **B**.*

*Answer **three** examination items in all.*

*Any additional item answered will **not** be scored.*

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

**Turn Over**

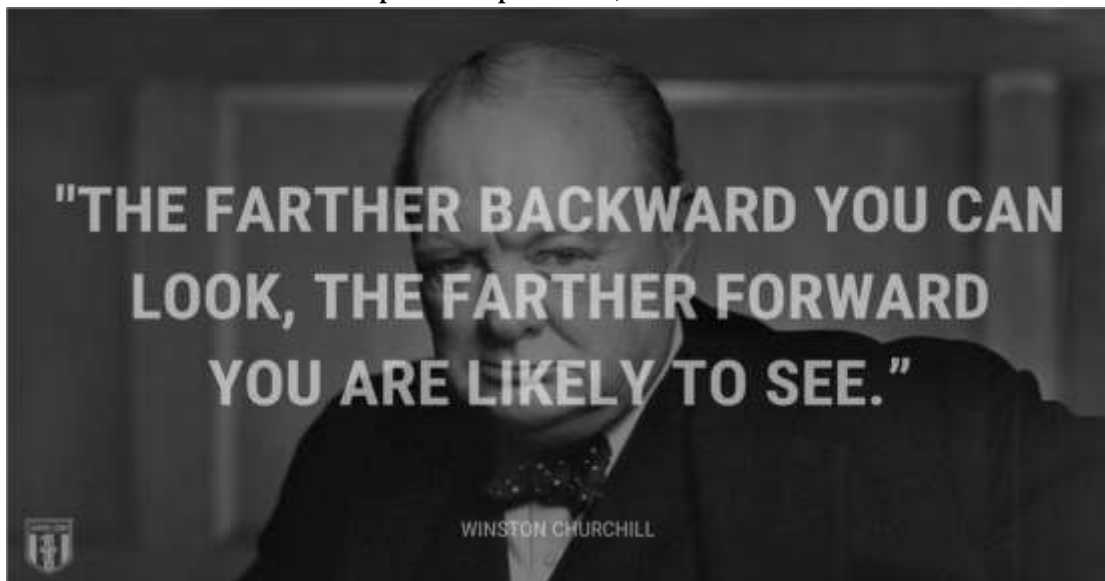
**SECTION A**

*Answer **all** items in this section.*

**Item 1**

Since 2000, Uganda's development strategy has been focused on building a science oriented economy. This has been emphasized by making science subjects compulsory at O'level and raising the salaries of science subject teachers. The main intention is to solve post-independence challenges like unemployment, over dependence on foreign aid, poverty among others. This has made parents to discourage their children from offering arts' subjects including history and political education even when the children have the interest and potential to perform well in these subjects. This has led to disagreements between parents and their children leading to conflicts. These parents need to be counselled and educated about why their children are interested in arts' subjects especially history and political education.

You have been identified to help these parents;



Task; write an essay with information for the parents above.

**Item 2**

Uganda has received many investors especially of the Asian origin. These have so much helped in the development of different social- economic sectors like agriculture, industry, transport and education. However, they have also caused challenges to the local people including pollution of the environment, land grabbing and exploitation of labor among others. There's general confusion among the Ugandans about the methods these investors use to firmly establish themselves in Uganda. To some Ugandans, if only they could know about this, they would use the same methods to do away with investors and development their own country. You can help to clear the confusion of these Ugandans.



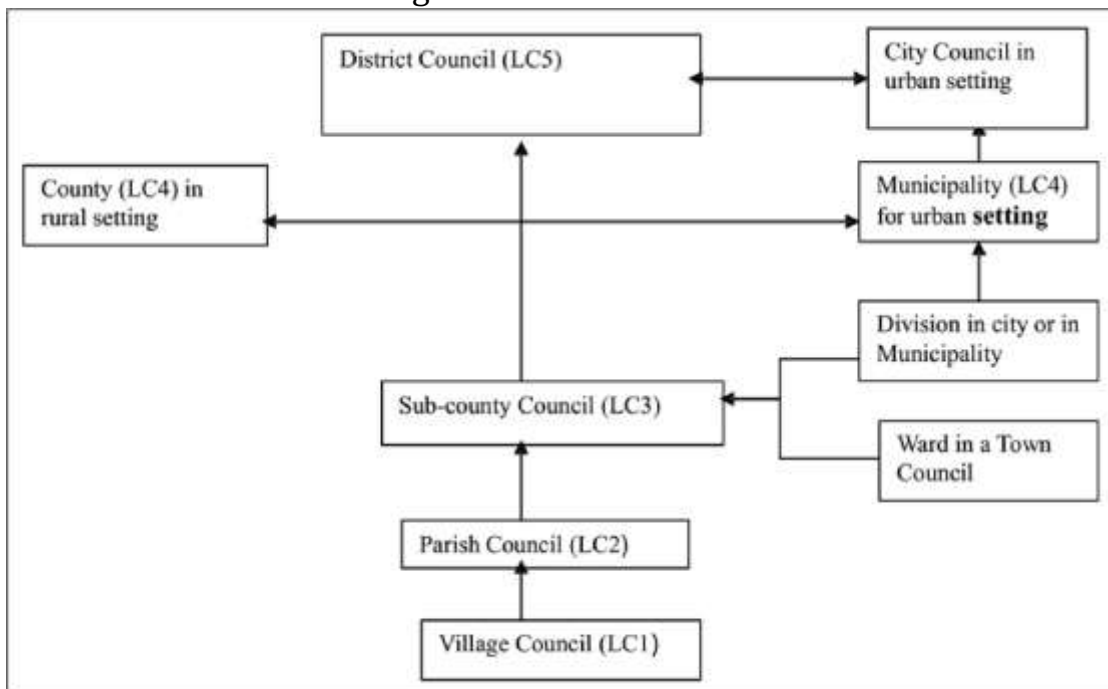
Task; write an essay that you will use to help the above people in the scenario.

### SECTION B

Answer **one** item in this section.

#### Item 3

With decentralization of power in Uganda as accepted by our 1995 constitution, the local government has helped to bring services nearer to the people. However, many citizens still complain about the inefficiency of the local government and accuse the local government leaders of being insensitive to the needs of the people. The local leaders accept that they have not met peoples' expectations due to a number of limitations that need to be addressed. There's need to establish the truths in the local leaders' claims and suggest possible solutions to their limitations for a better performance. You have been assigned to do this.



**Task:** write an essay about the assignment given.

**Item 4**

East African societies have been characterized by general lack of peace since independence. In homes there is domestic violence, in communities, there are strikes and demonstrations organized by employees against their employers, societies attack each other and engage in physical fights for instance the Karamajong against the Iteso in Uganda, the Didinga against the Turkana in Kenya, the Masai against the Chagga in Tanzania, among others. There has been many rebel groups formed against the existing governments. All these have led to displacement of people, loss of lives and destruction of property. Many people are worried about their lives if East Africa remains with this chaos. Investigations need to be made about the causes of the above and possible solutions should be provided to make East Africa a better place to stay in. You have been requested to carry out such investigations;



**Task:** In an essay, write your findings and suggest possible solutions.

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