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ITEM 1

Between1000-1800, there were migrations of different people from different ethnic groups into East Africa. Among these were the Bantu and the River-lake Nilotes. Today these Migrants and others have continued to migrate to different parts of east Africa and beyond. Many Ugandans are questioning as to whether the reasons that made ancient migrants to move to east Africa are the same reasons for the current migrants today or not. You have been identified to explain to the above people basing on one side.

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TASK

Prepare a detailed information in an essay form.

EXPECTED RESPONSES

- The problem in the scenario is failure by Many Ugandans to understand whether the reasons that made ancient migrants to come to east Africa are the same reasons for migrants today.
- ➤ Ancient migrations were the migration of people from different cradle lands into east Africa between 1000 to 1840.
- ➤ The Ancient migrants included the River-lake Nilotes and the Bantu.
- The River-lake Nilotes were the Luo who come from south Sudan from Bahr-el-ghazel.
- The Bantu were NTU speaking people who believed to have come from Cameroon highlands.
- ➤ Yes, the reasons that made ancient migrants to come to east Africa are the same reasons for migrants today or today's migrations as explained below;
- Ancient migrants came to east Africa due to population increase. For example, the Luo had to move to east Africa looking for more land to settle on and graze their animals. Likewise today many people such as elders have migrated from the congested urban areas with a lot of disturbing noise to rural areas where they can live confortable today.
- Ancient migrants came to east Africa due to the outbreak of famine in their cradle lands. The Bantu were running away from shortage of food that had caused starvation in east Africa were they expected to get enough food. Similarly today, many Karamajongs have migrated from their areas to the neighbouring societies such as Teso due to famine in their land that has caused death and starvation.
- Ancient migrants came to east Africa looking for pasture and water for their animals that had gotten scarce due to the increasing numbers of animals. For example, the Luo moved from their cradle land to east Africa to get more pasture and water to feed their animals. Likewise today the Karamajongs move from their home areas to neighbouring areas such Teso to get pasture and water for their animals because of the dry conditions that make water and pasture scarce.
- Ancient migrants came to east Africa looking for fertile soils. For example the Bantu wanted to land on which to grow food such as Bananas and cassava. Similarly today, many people have migrated from towns to villages to find land to grow food on large fertile lands.
- Ancient migrants came to east Africa due to the outbreak of diseases in their cradle land. These diseases included malaria and sleeping sickness which led to death of their relatives. For example the Bantu had to move to east Africa looking for free diseased areas. Similarly today, many people have migrated

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- from their areas to different places due to diseases such as COVID-19 which have made people to loss their lives.
- Ancient migrants came to east Africa due to internal conflicts. The Bantu migrated to East Africa due to misunderstandings with in their communities such as witchcraft and cannibalism. Today, many people have moved away from their origin home land to other areas due to conflicts caused by land grabbers which have left many people landless forcing them to leave the area.
- Ancient migrants came to east Africa due to external conflicts or attacks from the neighbours such as pygmies. For example the Bantu were constantly attacked by their neighbors. This forced them to look for new areas which were free from such attacks. Likewise today, many people from Kasese have left their homelands to others areas due to attacks from ADF which caused death and insecurity in the area.
- Ancient migrants came to east Africa due to Love for Adventure. For example the youth among the Bantu wanted to explore and adventure into new lands of east Africa where they could practice their skill of iron working. Similarly today, many youth have left their village areas to urban areas to experience new lifestyles.
- Ancient migrants moved to east Africa due to over flooding. Some historians attribute that the Luo migrated due to over flooding since they lived along the banks of river Nile. Likewise today, many people have left their homelands due to floods in their areas. For example, many people residing near river Nyamwamba in kasese district have been affected by over flooding of this river which caused death and destruction of property forcing them to move to other areas.
- ➤ In conclusion, the reasons that made ancient migrants to come to east Africa are the same reasons for migrants today or today's migrations and they are political, social and economic.



