

TEST ITEM 1

GEOGRAPHY O LEVEL NEW LOWER COMPETENCE BASED CURRICULUM

COMPETENCY: UNDERSTANDING THE VALUE OF EXTERNAL TRADE TO THE SOCIETY

ITEM 1

Uganda has always been exporting at least 350,000 tonnes of maize to Kenya annually. On 5th of March 2021. Kenya imposed a total ban on the importation of maize from Uganda citing high levels of aflatoxins which make maize unfit for human and animal consumption. This led to surplus of maize in Uganda which caused a reduction in prices, low consumption resulting into wastage.



Task

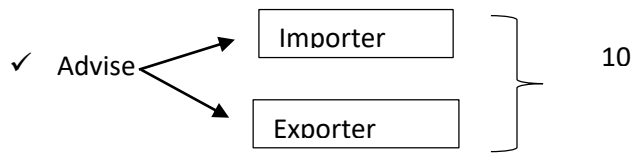
You are the minister of trade and industry for Uganda and you have been asked to intervene in this matter. Write an advice note to the two governments on the matters of trade

Possible responses:

Problem identification as:

- ✓ Restrictions of trade -02
- ✓ Causes of Poor quality of maize -06
- ✓ Likely effects -02

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WARNING ABOUT RESTRICTION OR TOTAL BAN OF MAIZE TRADE BETWEEN UGANDA AND KENYA

The maize that was formerly exported is of poor quality due to the following reasons

- ✓ Use of low technology which limits efficiency in farming activities
- ✓ Poor storage facilities that cause infestation of toxins in the maize
- ✓ Limited specialization which gives less attention to research on reduce quality of maize
- ✓ Production of similar maize by both countries reduced by demand
- ✓ Weakness of (standards bodies) causing failure to regulate and improve quality of food stuff
- ✓ Low processing of maize causing its poor harvest damage
- ✓ Growing of poor quality maize yields causing low quality output
- ✓ Weak bargaining power of Ugandan traders reduced demand for maize in Kenya
- ✓ Limited developed transport networks hindering quick movement of maize across borders

This has caused loss of government revenue, unemployment to .maize farmers, decline in trade, political instabilities between Uganda and Kenya, frustration by family members and increased government expenditure.

As Ugandans and Kenyans we need to undertake the following measures to overcome such challenges

- ✓ Modernize agriculture to improve quality of maize exports
- ✓ Diversify crops in order to increase a variety of exports
- ✓ Diversify markets in order to export other areas in case some countries cause ban
- ✓ Process crop products to add value in order to increase demand for maize in other countries
- ✓ Adopt import substitution industries to use maize products locally.
- ✓ Negotiate for removal of trade barriers with Kenya to encourage trade activities
- ✓ Strengthen national bureau of standards to improve quality of agricultural exports
- ✓ improve technology to research about pest control measures
- ✓ etc.

In the conclusion therefore both countries can strengthen regional integration to adopt free trade, encourage free movement of skilled labour across countries, undertaking joint research as well as constructing joint infrastructures. This shall boost trade amongst countries and ensure development of both countries.

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