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COURSE CODE: TEJS 335

COURSE TITLE: REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY OF AFRICA

Instruction: Answer all questions in Section A and any three questions in Section B.

Time: 2 hours

SECTION A

[25 Marks. 1 Mark for each question]

Answer all the questions in this section.

1. Which of the following best describes the absolute location of Africa?
 - A. 37 N, 35 S and 17W, 51E
 - B. 35N, 37S and 51W,17E
 - C. 17N, 51S and 37W, 35E
 - D. 51S, 17N and 37E, 35W
2. The following countries in Africa were colonized by foreigners, EXCEPT

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- A. Ethiopia
 - B. Somali
 - C. Zambia
 - D. Zimbabwe
3. Which of the following is NOT a river in Ghana?
- A. Afram
 - B. Nile
 - C. Oti
 - D. Volta
4. Which of the following countries is a landlocked country in West Africa?
- A. Cameroon
 - B. Ghana
 - C. Nigeria
 - D. Mali
5. Belgium is known to have colonized only one country in Africa. What's the name of that country?
- A. DR Congo
 - B. Sudan
 - C. Tanzania
 - D. Zambia
6. The northern portion of the sub-Saharan region has countries such as Mauritania, Mali and
- A. Mauritius
 - B. Niger
 - C. Nigeria
 - D. Senegal
7. Which of the following is the largest island in Africa?
- A. Cape Verde
 - B. Comoros
 - C. Madagascar
 - D. Mauritius
8. As river Volta is known for its economic importance to the people of Ghana so is river Nile to the people of

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- A. Algeria
 - B. Congo
 - C. Egypt
 - D. Niger
9. Which part of Africa is the Drakensberg Mountain located?
- A. Eastern
 - B. Northern
 - C. Southern
 - D. Western
10. The major lowland area found in East Africa region of Africa that extends from the middle of Africa from north to south is called.
- A. Large basins
 - B. Great Mountains
 - C. Mediterranean Sea
 - D. Rift Valley
11. The longest river in Africa and the world as a whole is referred to as...
- A. Congo
 - B. Nile
 - C. Niger
 - D. Zambezi
12. In which of the following vegetation types are tall trees and undergrowth commonly found?
- A. Tropical rainforest
 - B. Tundra
 - C. Savanna
 - D. Mediterranean
13. Which of the following climatic regions records the highest amount of rainfall all year round?
- A. Desert
 - B. Equatorial
 - C. Montane
 - D. Savannah
14. Which of the following African countries is well noted for copper mining?
- A. Congo
 - B. Nigeria
 - C. South Africa
 - D. Zaire
15. The type of agriculture that involves the growing of perennial crops on large scale for commercial purposes usually for export is known as

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- A. Animal husbandry
 - B. Fruit faring
 - C. Plantation farming
 - D. Vegetable farming
16. Which of the following crops can be cultivated as plantation agriculture?
- A. Coffee
 - B. Maize
 - C. Tomatoes
 - D. Yam
17. Which waterfall on river Zambezi is wide and forms the largest curtain of falling water in the world?
- A. Livingston fall
 - B. Victoria fall
 - C. Niagara fall
 - D. Boti fall
18. It covers three countries and a space of 68,800 square kilometers. It is Africa's largest lake and the world's biggest tropical lake and second largest freshwater lake. Identify this lake?
- A. Volta Lake
 - B. Lake Victoria
 - C. Lake Malawi
 - D. Lake Tanganyika
19. Which of the statements below explain the reason why areas around the equator in the tropics are permanently hot than places around the temperate and polar zones?
- A. The incidence of the midday sun is over a small area
 - B. The curvature of the earth
 - C. The sun rays travel through a longer distance
 - D. There is greater loss of insulation through absorption by clouds and dust particles.
20. The western sides of the African continent are washed by cold Canary and Benguella currents resulting in the formation of
- A. Heavy rains
 - B. Deserts
 - C. High temperatures
 - D. Growth of vegetation
21. What would you describe as the main obstacle impeding the use of the African rivers for transportation?
- A. The presence of large rivers.
 - B. The presence of rapids and waterfalls.
 - C. The high potential for electricity production.
 - D. The presence of many rivers.

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22. Vegetation type for an area is dependent on the type of climate. Hence, a place with temperature of 29°C and over 2500mm of rainfall is likely to have
- A. Tropical rainforest
 - B. Savanna vegetation
 - C. Desert vegetation
 - D. Mediterranean vegetation
23. The North-East Trade Winds or Tropical Continental Air Mass which affects West Africa brings all the following *except*?
- A. hazy
 - B. dusty
 - C. dry
 - D. rain
24. Which of the following is a non-renewable resources?
- A. stream
 - B. petroleum
 - C. vegetation
 - D. wild animals
25. Which **one** of the following manufacturing industries needs to locate close to the market?
- A. Bakery
 - B. Cement
 - C. Textile
 - D. Footwear

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SECTION B

[75 Marks, 25 Marks each]

Answer any three questions in this section.

1. a. Define the secondary sector of a country's economy
b. Explain how the following factors influence the location of manufacturing industries in Ghana.
 - i. Proximity to and cost of raw materials
 - ii. Proximity source of power
 - iii. Supply of labour
 - iv. Government policiesc. State any two challenges that manufacturing industries in Ghana face.

2. a. List **three (3)** important rivers in Africa. [6 marks]
b. Describe **three (3)** characteristics of African rivers. [9 marks]
c. Describe **two (2)** obstacles that hinder river navigation in Africa. [4 marks]
d. Explain **three (2)** ways in which water bodies in Africa contribute to economic development the countries. [6 marks]

3. a. Define the term *climate* [4 marks]
b. Describe how the following factors influence the climate of Africa:
 - i. Latitude [3 marks]
 - ii. Ocean currents [3 marks]
 - iii. Altitude [3 marks]
 - iv. Distance from the sea [3 marks]
 - v. Topography/slope [3 marks]c. Describe **three (3)** characteristics of the equatorial climate. [6 marks]

4. a. Give four characteristics of plantation agriculture in Africa. [4 marks]
b. Outline four factors that favour plantation agriculture in Africa. [12 marks]
c. Explain three problems of plantation agriculture in Africa. [9 marks]

5. Write a geographical account of gold mining in South Africa under the following headings:
 - i. name of one mining area . [1 mark]
 - ii. description of one major method of mining, [6 marks]
 - iii. four contributions to the economy of South Africa, [12 marks]
 - iv. three problems facing mining in South Africa. [6 marks]