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HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

(Subject code No. P142/2)

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MAURITIUS EXAMINATIONS SYNDICATE
Primary School Achievement Certificate Assessment
Grade 6 Modular
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Total Marks: 50

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Check that this assessment booklet contains 7 questions printed on 10 pages numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.
2. Write your Index Number on the assessment booklet in the space provided above.
3. You should not use red, green or black ink in answering questions.
4. Write all your answers clearly in the assessment booklet.
5. Attempt all questions.

Question	Marking		Revision		Control	
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For each item in Question 1, circle the letter which shows the correct answer.

Example: Mauritius is found in the

- A** Arctic Ocean.
- B** Atlantic Ocean.
- (C)** Indian Ocean.
- D** Pacific Ocean.

QUESTION 1 (8 marks)

1. **Picture 1** shows a tourist hotel.
Which type of land use is shown in **Picture 1**?

- A** Residential
- B** Agricultural
- C** Recreational
- D** Commercial

Picture 1



2. is a physical factor influencing farming.

- A** Transport
- B** Relief
- C** Location
- D** Labour

3. Who was the first Governor to bring slaves to Mauritius?

- A** Mahé de Labourdonnais
- B** Van Der Stel
- C** Van Warwick
- D** Pierre Poivre

4. In which season are tropical cyclones formed?
- A** Summer
 - B** Winter
 - C** Autumn
 - D** Spring
5. When millimetres of widespread rains occur in less than 12 hours, it is called torrential rain.
- A** 25
 - B** 50
 - C** 75
 - D** 100
6. In which year was the Battle of Grand Port fought between the French and the British?
- A** 1910
 - B** 1835
 - C** 1810
 - D** 1800
7. Which flower is a national symbol of the Republic of Mauritius?
- A** Lotus
 - B** Marigold
 - C** Rose
 - D** Trochetia
8. Where is the National History Museum of Mauritius situated?
- A** Beau Plan
 - B** Mahebourg
 - C** Port Louis
 - D** Grand Port

QUESTION 2 (5 marks)

Picture 2 shows a sugar mill that produces refined sugar.

Marks

Picture 2



- (a) (i) Name **one** sugar mill in Mauritius.

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[1]

- (ii) Name **one** special sugar produced by sugar mills in Mauritius.

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[1]

- (iii) Which **by-product** of sugar cane is used to produce electricity?

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[1]

- (b) **Table 1** below shows the decrease in the number of sugar mills from 1858 to 2017.

Table 1

Year	1858	2017
Number of sugar mills	333	4

- (i) Big sugar mills gradually took over the activities of smaller mills. This process is known as

[1]

- (ii) Why was it important to reduce the number of sugar mills?

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[1]

QUESTION 3 (5 marks)

Classify the following items as **biodegradable** or **non-biodegradable** by ticking in the correct box. One has already been done for you.

[5]

Table 2

Item	Biodegradable	Non-Biodegradable
Tyre		✓
Banana peel		
Plastic bottle		
Wooden table		
Newspaper		
Aluminium can		

QUESTION 4 (7 marks)

In the past, people came to Mauritius from different parts of the world and had different roles on the island.

- (a) Complete **Table 3** below using the given list of words to indicate the place of origin of the people mentioned.

Britain**Bengal****Madagascar****Table 3**

Role on the Island	Place of Origin
Free workers	
Slaves	
Settlers	

[3]

(b) Give **two** activities carried out by indentured labourers on sugar estates.

Marks

1.

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2.

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[2]

(c) Compare the living conditions of a slave with those of an indentured labourer.

1.

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2.

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[2]

QUESTION 5 (10 marks)

Marks

- (a) Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

On 22nd January 2018, there was an earthquake of magnitude 7.9 that shook Southern Alaska, USA. It was centred approximately 273 km off the coast. Many residents in coastal cities like Sitka were told to seek shelter on higher grounds.

Adapted from Smithsonian.com

- (i) How is an earthquake caused?

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- (ii) According to you, following the powerful earthquake below the ocean floor, why were the residents of Sitka told to take shelter on higher grounds?

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[2]

- (b) **Map 1** below shows a cyclone tracking map that follows the course of a cyclone during the month of February. Marks

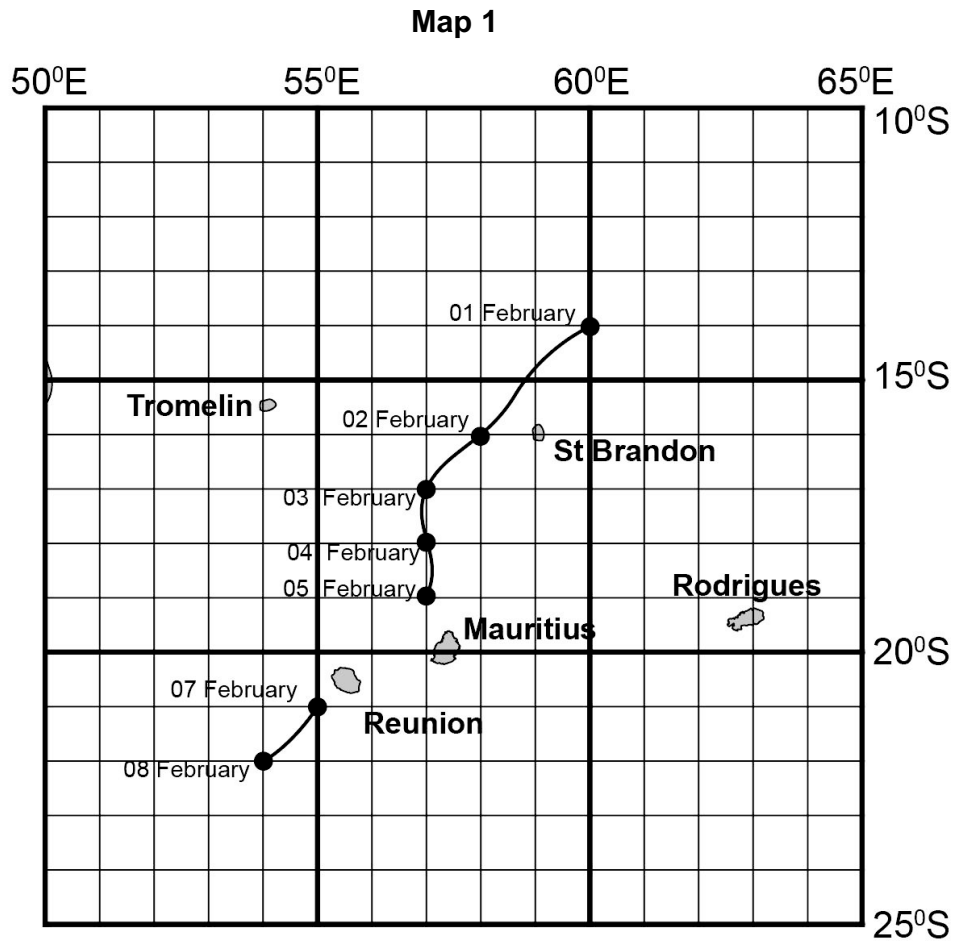


Table 4 below gives important information about the position of the cyclone and the highest gusts registered on different days.

Table 4

Day	Date	Latitude	Longitude	Highest gust (winds) in km/h
Tuesday	01 February	14° S	60° E	60
Wednesday	02 February	16° S	58° E	62
Thursday	03 February	17° S	57° E	65
Friday	04 February	18° S	57° E	90
Saturday	05 February	19° S	57° E	155
Sunday	06 February	20° S	56° E	140
Monday	07 February	21° S	55° E	80
Tuesday	08 February	22° S	54° E	50

(i) What was the highest gust registered?

..... [1]

(ii) On **Map 1**, mark with a '•' the position of the cyclone on **Sunday 06 February**, using the latitude and longitude provided in **Table 4**.

[1]

(iii) Draw a line to complete the cyclone track on **Map 1**.

[1]

(c) (i) **Torrential rains** may cause water accumulations and floods.

Describe **two** precautions which should be taken during torrential rains.

1.

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2.

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[2]

(ii) Explain why Mauritius has experienced flash floods in recent years.

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[2]

QUESTION 6 (8 marks)

(a) **Fill in the blanks with suitable word(s).**

On 12th March 1968, the was replaced by the Mauritian flag in a ceremony at Champ de Mars. This was done in the presence of the then British Governor and Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam. Since then, Mauritius has been an independent country.

In 1992, Mauritius became a Republic. The first President of the Republic of Mauritius was

[3]

(b) (i) What does the **yellow** colour in the Mauritian flag represent?

1.

2.

[2]

(ii) Why do you think the National Flag is important?

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[1]

(c) **Picture 3** shows the Coat of Arms of Mauritius.

Picture 3



The second quarter in the Coat of Arms shows **three palm trees** which represent the tropical vegetation of the island. They also represent the **three dependencies** of Mauritius.

Name any **two** of the three dependencies.

1.

2.

[2]

QUESTION 7 (7 marks)

Study the pictures carefully and answer the questions.

Picture 4



Picture 5



- (a) (i) Which monument is shown in **Picture 4** above?

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[1]

- (ii) **Picture 5** shows Le Morne Brabant Mountain, which is a World Heritage site. Why is the mountain an important symbol for Mauritius?

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[2]

- (b) According to you, why do Mauritius and Rodrigues have a multicultural heritage?

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- (c) Why is it important to preserve and protect our heritage?

(i)

(ii)

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