ORDINARY LEVEL NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS 2012

SUBJECT: GEOGRAPHY

PAPER 2: ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY

DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

This paper consists of TWO Sections, A and B.
Attempt ALL questions in section A.
Attempt THREE questions in section B.

(55 marks)
(45 marks)
SECTION A: Answer all questions (55 marks)

1. (a) State two characteristics of subsistence farming. (2 marks)
   (b) Describe four advantages of large scale farming. (4 marks)

2. Give and explain two problems caused by the exploitation of swamps in Rwanda. (2 marks)

3. What two reasons explain why irrigation is not practiced on a large scale in Rwanda? (2 marks)

4. (a) Explain what you understand by zero grazing and show why it is important in a country like Rwanda. (2 marks)
   (b) Give and explain two problems faced by dairy farmers. (2 marks)

5. The Northern part of Rwanda is famous for attracting tourists.
   (a) Name two tourist attractions found in this area. (2 marks)
   (b) What threats do some tourist attractions face in Rwanda? (2 marks)

6. (a) Explain the problems faced by the government of Rwanda in conserving forests. (2 marks)
   (b) Describe 4 problems that affect the fishing industry in Rwanda. (4 marks)

7. (a) What is a population census? (1 mark)
   (b) Give two reasons to explain why Rwanda carried out a population census in August 2012. (2 marks)

8. (a) Mention two countries through which the river Nile flows. (2 marks)
   (b) Describe two important uses of river Nile to the countries mentioned in (a) above. (2 marks)

9. Name two deserts found in Africa and explain how they affect the countries in which they are found. (4 marks)

10. What economic advantages do countries of East Africa that border the Indian Ocean have over landlocked countries such as Rwanda? (2 marks)

11. (a) What is the importance of transport and communication to Africa? (4 marks)
    (b) What advantages does air transport have over road transport? (3 marks)
12. China is one of the most industrialized countries in the world. 
(a) Give three factors that have favoured industrialization in China. (3 marks)
(b) Give 4 problems that have resulted from this industrialization. (3 marks)

13. (a) Give three reasons to explain why developing countries like Rwanda and Burundi export raw unprocessed goods such as coffee, tea, gold etc instead of manufactured goods. (3 marks)
14. Although USA is a great producer of crude oil, it still imports a lot of oil from other producers. Explain why it imports more fuel. (2 marks)

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY 3 QUESTIONS OF YOUR CHOICE (45 MARKS)

15. (a) Describe the major factors responsible for environmental degradation in Rwanda. (9 marks)
(b) What are some of the solutions to the problems mentioned in (a) above? (6 marks)

16. (a) Describe the causes for the low level of food production in Rwanda. (8 marks)
(b) How can food production be increased in Rwanda? (7 marks)

17. (a) Give and explain the effects of deforestation in any country you are familiar with. (10 marks)
(b) Explain the solutions to the problems of deforestation. (5 marks)

18. (a) What are the factors that favour mineral exploitation in any country? (9 marks)
(b) What is the importance of mining to the development of countries concerned? (6 marks)

19. (a) Explain how the cotton grown in Southern United States of America is used. (6 marks)
(b) Giving an example of California, give the factors that have favoured market gardening. (9 marks)

20. (a) Explain the causes of population growth in Africa. (10 marks)
(b) Give and explain 5 problems resulting from high population. (5 marks)