

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DURING THE COLONIAL PERIOD IN KENYA

1. a) State three methods which were used by the colonial government to acquire land for European settlement.

- (i) Through signing of treaties with Africans e.g. Maasai agreement's 1904 & 1911.
- (ii) Through use of force
- (iii) Some parts of unoccupied were declared crown land. They were leased, granted or sold to settlers

3 x 1 = 3 marks

b) Apart from providing settlers with land explain six other ways through which the colonial

government promoted settler agriculture in Kenya. (12 marks)

- (i) The government provided continuous flow of African labour to settlers by imposing heavy taxes and imposing forced labour laws. The Kipande system was introduced to restrict movement of labourers.
- (ii) Agricultural activities of the Africans were controlled to reduce competition for markets upto 1930's. Africans were not allowed to grow any main cash crops.
- (iii) The colonial government boosted settler agriculture by providing adequate transport network to ease marketing of their produce and delivery of farm produce.
- (iv) The colonial government provided extension services through the department of agriculture and established research stations to facilitate the development of better breeds for better yields
- (v) Banking system & loan facilities were introduced to subsidize settler initiatives.
- (vi) The government encouraged settlers to form co-operatives e.g. KCC & KFA. This facilitated marketing of the produce & purchasing of farm inputs.
- (vii) Through political representation in the Legco they managed to get many concessions e.g. tariffs barriers & removal of custom duties.

Any 6 x 2 = 12 marks)

2. Name the engineer who was in charge of the construction of Uganda Railway (1mk)
-George Whitehouse (1mk)

3.(a) Identify the terms of Devonshire white paper of 1923

- (i) Kenyan highlands were set aside for white settlers only
- (ii) Indians were to elect five members to Legco
- (iii) The European demand for a self government was rejected
- (iv) Racial segregation in residential areas was abolished
- (v) Africans interest were to be given the first priority since Kenya was an African country
- (vi) The colonial secretary was to have strict control of the affairs of the colony
- (vii) A missionary was to be nominated to represent African interest in the Legco
- (viii) Settlers were to maintain their numbers in the Legco. 1x5 = 5mks

(b) Discuss ways in which the Agikuyu were affected by colonial land policies before

1963

- They lost their land
- Much of their land was occupied by the settlers
- Landless kikuyu were moved to native reserve
- The Agikuyu who lost their land became very poor
- Over utilization of land led to serious soil erosion
- Some went to work in settlers arms wage laborers or squatters
- Others migrated to towns in search of employment
- They formed extremist groups called Mau Mau
- Agikuyu spearheaded the struggle for independence by encouraging formation of national movement

4. (a) Three factors which enabled the white settlers to establish farms in Kenya during the colonial

Period

- Government policy/support i.e providing loans, land and labours
- Favourable climate/adequate rainfall and temperature
- Availability of transport especially railway and the feeder roads
- Fertile soils in the highlands

Any

3 x 1 = 3mks

(b) Six results of the development of railway transport in Kenya during the colonial period.

- It led to the loss of land among some African communities
- Facilitated the movement of goods and people
- Led to the development of urban centres/towns
- Encouraged the coming of white settlers to Kenya
- Led to the development of agriculture/ settler plantation
- Promoted the development of trade between Kenya and the outside world/ building of industries
- Provided a source of revenue to the government
- Led to opening up of the up of the interior
- It made it possible for the missionaries to spread Christianity into the interior
- It enabled the government to administer more effectively/colonization
- It led to employment opportunities to many people
- It encouraged construction of feeder roads thus improving transportation in the interior

Any

6 x 2 =

12mks

5. Give two ways in which the construction of the Kenya Uganda Railway helped stop slave trade in Kenya

(2mks)

- Slave porters were no longer needed since the railway would ferry goods to and from the coast.

1 x 1 = 1mk

- It enabled the quick movement of troops into the interior to stamp out the trade
- It helped promote other profitable sources of income which acted as an

alternative to slavery and slave trade.

6. Identify any two groups that provided Education to Africans during the colonial period

(2mks)

- The missionaries
- The colonial government
- The Asians
- The African themselves

2 x 1 = 2mks

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7.a) State five benefits of the construction of the Uganda railway to the colonial government in Kenya

(5mks)

- It enabled the British to administer the colony more effectively
- The railway promoted the exploitation of natural resources of the colony.
- It promoted the growth of trade.
- It was a major source of revenue for the colonial government
- It enhanced the development of other forms of transport and communication.

b) Outline the efforts made to improve health services in Kenya

during the colonial

period

(10mks)

Various missionary groups established medical facilities in the country

- The missionaries started medical training centres after 1 st world war e.g Alliance medical college
- The government provided financial support to ensure that Europeans were protected from typhoid, Malaria, dysentery.
- Africans were taught hygiene through public baraza.
- Vaccines were introduced to prevent diseases
- After 1945 development and Research Authority gave £47 000 for health care and improvement of health services
- 1951 the King George hospital began to train female nurses.
- The government established public health centres and hospitals in different parts of the country.

5 x 2 = 10mks

8. Give two main aims of the building of the Kenya – Uganda railway. (2 mks)

- i) To provide a quicker and cheaper means of transport from the coast to the interior.
- ii) To be able to export various commodities e.g cotton from Uganda.
- iii) To transport colonial administration and officials thus help to establish effective British administration.
- iv) To help stamp out slave trade

any 2 x 1 = 2 mks)

9. b) Describe how seyyid said contributed towards the development of international trade along the Kenyan coast in the nineteenth century.

(10 mks)

- i) He encouraged foreign traders to trade along the Kenyan coast.
- ii) He signed trade agreements with European countries and U.S.A to promote foreign trade .
- iii) He invited Indian Banyans to settle along the East African coast and trade.
- iv) He encouraged several international powers to trade with East African west of Britain France , Germany.
- v) He gave the countries he signed treaties with the right is open consults in Zanzibar.
- vi) He created political stability along the East African coast which was conducive to the international trade.
- vii) He provided security for slave traders hence intensified slave trade between the Kenyan coast and the outside world.
- viii) He established a well organized long distance trade into the interior of E. Africa which provided commodities for international trade.
- ix) He financed some of the Arab and foreign traders who participated in international trade.
- x) He established plantation agriculture which produced commodities for international trade e.g doves.

Any 5 2 = 10 mks

10. State two factors that facilitated the development of urban centres in the pre-colonial Kenya along distance trade routes (2mks)

- They acted as goods collection centres
- They acted as resting centres

11. a) Identify the main features of settler farming in Kenya during colonial period .

- Cash crop farming of sisal, pyrethrum, coffee, tea, wheat, maize.
- They used farm machinery like ox-drawn ploughs, tractors, seed drills, harvesters, sprayers, threshers.
- Crop-rotation and fallowing
- The use of artificial fertilizers, pesticides
- Mixed farming of Livestock keeping of grade cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry and crop cultivation.

(5x1=5mks)

b) Explain five methods used by the colonial government to ensure Africans in Kenya provided labour

- Colonial authorities used force to ensure that Africans provided labour
- The colonial authorities established crowded reserves for Africans. This forced many Africans to look for employment in European farms or as domestic servants.
- The colonial authorities alienated African land and gave it to European settlers leading to landlessness thus compelling many to look for employment
- The colonial authorities created unfertile reserves for Africans that could not enable them survive on such land
- They made it mandatory for the Africans to pay taxes. This forced them to work in European farms in order to earn money

-The colonial authorities trained a few for clerical jobs in the civil service. Those trained for such jobs felt privileged and so went to work
(5x2=10mks) well - explained.

12. Identify the development strategy used in Kenya after 1978 (1mk)

- i) Nyayoism / Nyayo philosophy / foot steps / love peace and unity.
1 x 1 = 1mks

13. In what two ways did the construction of the Kenya – Uganda Railway contribute to urbanization in Kenya. (2mks)

- i) Urban centre emerged along railway stations and terminus.
ii) Trading centres became urban /Easened transport where small businesses sprung up.
iii) Indian railway workers established shops along the railway which turned into urban centres
iv) Administrative posts sprung up to urban centres
(2 x 1 = 2mks)

14. Give two terms of the Devonshire White paper of 1923. (2mks)

- a) The Kenyan highlands were exclusively reserved for white settlers
b) The interests of the Africans were to be Paramount to those of immigrants races if there was a conflict
c) A missionary would be nominated to the Legco to represent the interests of the Africans
d) The colonial secretary would exercise strict control over the affairs of the colony
e) Racial segregation in all the residential areas plus restrictions on immigration were abolished
f) The Indians would elect five members to the Legco, not on a common roll but on a communal roll.

Any 2x1 = 2marks

15. What were the reasons for the construction of the Uganda railway during the Colonial period (3mks)

- a. To establish effective control over the British East Africa
b. To facilitate maximum economic exploitation of the region
c. To stop slave trade and promote legitimate trade
d. To facilitate the movement of troops and government administration into the interior parts of the protectorate
e. To link Uganda with the Coast and the outside world
f. To make it possible for Britain to effectively protect her strategic interest in the region e.g. Uganda which was the

source of river Nile

Any 3x1

16. Name the settler farmer who introduced wheat in Kenya during the colonial period. (1mk)

❖ *Lord Dalamere*

1 x 1 = 1 mark

17. State two ways in which the Uganda railway contributed to the development of settler farming in Kenya

- i) It provided cheap and reliable transport for European settlers into the interior.
- ii) It opened up the interior/highlands to the settlers.
- iii) European troops could easily be transported to offer security to the settlers.
- iv) Was used to transport farm inputs/machinery and farm produce to the farm and market respectively.

18 State one way in which the construction of the Kenya-Uganda Railway contributed to the development of settler farming. (1mk)

- Accessibility to the Kenya Highlands
- Transport of farm inputs
- Transport of farm produce/output
- Enabled easier administration which provided security to the settlers
- Enabled more land to be alienated for settler use

19 (a) Explain three terms of the Heligo-land treaty of 1890 (3mks)

- (i) Uganda was recognized as an area within the British sphere of Influence
- (ii) Germany abandoned her claim over Witu in exchange of the Island of Heligoland
- (iii) Germany acquired a strip on Lake Tanganyika and also bought the coastal strip from the Sultan of Zanzibar
- (iv) The British laid claim over Kenya and the Sultan's dominion

1 X 3 = 3 mks

(b) Explain six effects of the Devonshire White Paper of 1923 (12 mks)

- (i) Africans were represented in the Legco by a European missionary Dr. Arthur
- (ii) Africans became more politically aware and began forming political groupings to address their problems
- (iii) The Indians were bitter and even refused to take up their seats in the Legco or in Municipal Councils
- (iv) The paper intensified rivalry between the Indians and white settlers
- (v) African problems especially that of land and labour were not resolved.
- (vi) Africans became the main beneficiaries since Kenya was declared an African territory and the interests of Africans became paramount when there was racial conflict.
- (vii) Indians were disappointed because they were not allowed to settle in the white highlands and have political equality with the whites

- (viii) Ban on Indian immigration in Kenya was lifted.
- (ix) Whites in the colony felt betrayed by the paper as they did not achieve their goal for self independence