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Instructions to Candidates

- (a) Confirm that this question paper has your name and the correct index number.
- (b) Sign and write the date of examination in the spaces provided above.
- (c) This paper consists of **two** sections; **A** and **B**.
- (d) Answer **all** the questions in section A.
- (e) In section **B**, answer **question 6** and any other **two** questions.
- (f) Answers **must** be written in the spaces provided at the end of question **10**.
- (g) This paper consists of 20 printed pages.**
- (h) Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.**
- (i) Candidates should answer the questions in English.**

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Section	Question	Maximum Score	Candidate's Score
A	1 - 5	25	
B	6	25	
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		25	
	Total Score	100	



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SECTION A (25 marks)

Answer *all* the questions in this section.

- 1 (a) Give **two** economic factors that influence agriculture. (2 marks)
- (b) State **three** ways in which wheat farming is important to the economy of Kenya. (3 marks)
- 2 (a) Apart from wildlife, give **two** inland tourist attractions in Kenya. (2 marks)
- (b) State **three** ways in which human activities influence the distribution of wildlife. (3 marks)
- 3 (a) Give **two** uses of natural gas. (2 marks)
- (b) Describe how coal is formed. (3 marks)
- 4 (a) What is a *tertiary industry*? (2 marks)
- (b) Give **three** reasons why some industries are located near sources of water. (3 marks)
- 5 (a) Apart from fertility, give **two** other factors that influence population growth in Kenya. (2 marks)
- (b) State **three** factors that have contributed to reduction of fertility rate in Kenya. (3 marks)

SECTION B (75 marks)

Answer question 6 and any other two questions from this section.

- 6 The table below shows quantities of principal domestic mineral exports (000 tonnes) in Kenya from 2017 to 2021.
Use it to answer questions (a)(i), (ii) and (b).

Years / Minerals	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Cement	388 000	144 000	62 000	120 000	173 000
Soda Ash	343 000	294 000	255 000	228 000	303 000
Titanium Ore and Concentrates	534 000	564 000	426 000	400 000	445 000
Salt	320 000	312 000	266 000	265 000	266 000

Source: Economic Survey of Kenya, 2021

- (a) (i) What is the difference in soda ash exports between 2017 and 2021? (1 mark)
- (ii) Calculate the average export of cement for 2019 and 2020. (2 marks)
- (b) Using a scale of 1 cm to represent 100,000 (000) tonnes, draw a multiple bar graph to present mineral exports from 2018 to 2021. (7 marks)
- (c) (i) What is *balance of trade*? (2 marks)
- (ii) Explain **four** ways through which the government of Kenya is promoting export trade. (8 marks)
- (d) State **five** challenges facing the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA). (5 marks)
- 7 (a) (i) Name **three** species of indigeneous hardwood trees in Kenya. (3 marks)
- (ii) Explain **three** factors that favour the growth of natural forests in Kenya. (6 marks)
- (b) Explain **four** ways used by the Government of Kenya to control human encroachment on natural forests. (8 marks)
- (c) Explain **four** problems facing softwood forests in Canada. (8 marks)

- 8 (a) (i) Name **two** main areas where oil palm is grown in Nigeria. 2marks
- (ii) State six conditions that favour the cultivation of oil palm in Nigeria. (6 marks):
- (b) (i) Describe commercial cultivation of oil palm in Nigeria from planting to harvesting (8marks)
- (ii) Give **five** uses of oil palm .5marks
- (c) Explain how each of the following problems affect oil palm farmers in Nigeria.
- (i) Methods of farming.(2marks)
- (ii) Government policy.(2marks)

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- 9 (a) (i) Name **three** counties in the Rift Valley of Kenya where commercial beef ranching is practised. (3marks)
- (ii) Give **two** exotic breeds of beef cattle reared in Kenya.(2marks)
- (iii) Explain the measures taken by the Government of Kenya to resolve the following problems experienced in beef farming.
- (I) Livestock-wildlife conflict.(4marks)
- (II) Poor quality animals (4marks)
- (b) Explain **three** differences between beef farming in Kenya and Argentina.(6marks)
- (c) You intend to carry out a field study in a beef cattle farm within your local environment
- (i) Give **two** methods of data recording that you would use during the study.(2marks)
- (ii) State **four** benefits of beef farming to the local community that you are likely to find out during the study. (4marks)

- 10 (a) (i) Name **two** international highways that link Kenya to other countries of Africa. (2 marks)
- (ii) Explain **four** measures that the government of Kenya has put in place to improve road transport. (8 marks)
- (b) Give **five** reasons why there is limited use of pipeline in transportation of petroleum in Africa. (5 marks)
- (c) State **five** causes for the decline in the use of letter writing as a means of communication in Kenya. (5 marks)
- (d) Outline **five** developments that have taken place in Kenya to improve information communication. (5 marks)

