

Geography II

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SUBJECT: GEOGRAPHY

PAPER 2: (ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY)

TIME ALLOWED : 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

This paper consists of **TWO** Sections, A and B.

Answer **ALL** questions in section A.

(60 marks)

Answer **FOUR** questions in section B.

(40 marks)

SECTION A: Attempt all questions (60 marks)

1. (a) Why is the dry port of Isaka important to Rwanda? **(2 marks)**
Give **two** commodities handled by the dry port of ISAKA. **(2 marks)**
2. (a) What is land consolidation? **(1 mark)**
(b) Identify **one** factor which has hindered land use consolidation in Rwanda. **(2 marks)**
3. (a) Name **two** countries apart from Rwanda which are members of COMESA. **(2 marks)**
(b) State **two** advantages enjoyed by the member countries of COMESA as a result of its establishment. **(2 marks)**
4. (a) What is the importance of Rwanda's national parks to:
(i) the country's economy **(2 marks)**
(ii) the population living near the parks **(2 marks)**
(iii) the tourists who visit them **(2 marks)**
(b) (i) Name **one** tourist attraction in Rwanda other than in the National Parks. **(1 mark)**
(ii) What measures have been taken to improve the tourist industry in Rwanda from 2000 to 2010? **(1 mark)**
5. (a) Explain **two** factors which have favoured population increase in Rwanda. **(2 marks)**
(b) Identify the:
(i) Problems of overpopulation in a country like Rwanda. **(2 marks)**
(ii) Steps being taken to solve problems of overpopulation. **(2 marks)**
6. (a) Name **one** main tea factory located in Western Province of Rwanda. **(1 mark)**
(b) Name two non- agricultural industries that are found in the Western Province of Rwanda. **(2 marks)**
(c) Why is Rwanda called a predominantly agricultural country? **(1 mark)**
7. Fishing is an important industry to the East African countries.
(a) Give the greatest problem facing the fishing industry in East Africa. **(1 mark)**
(b) Identify two methods used in onshore fishing in East Africa. **(2 marks)**
8. Give three factors that have favoured the development of New York as a port? **(3 marks)**

9. Study the map of the Great Lakes Region of America below and answer the question that follow:

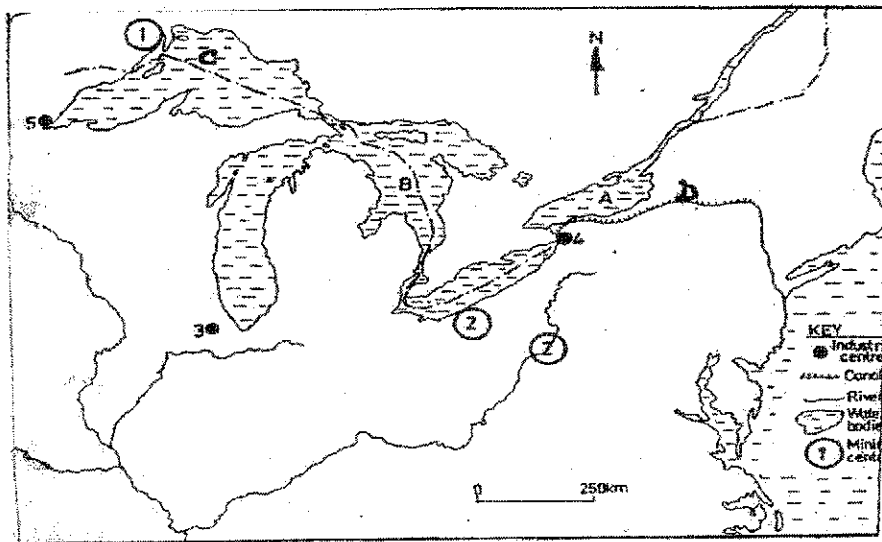


Fig. 1

- (a) Name the:
- minerals obtained from areas marked 1 and 2, (2 marks)
 - iron and steel industrial centres marked 3, 4 and 5. (3 marks)
- (b) Describe the factors that have led to the development of iron and steel industries in the Great Region of America. (2 marks)
- (c) Explain the problems resulting from the concentration of industries in the Great Lakes Region of North America (3 marks)

10. The Silicon Valley in California is an area with a rapid economic growth. Identify **three** reasons that have led to the success of agriculture in that valley. (3 marks)

11. Figure 2 below is a map of the China population density. Study it, and answer the questions that follow:

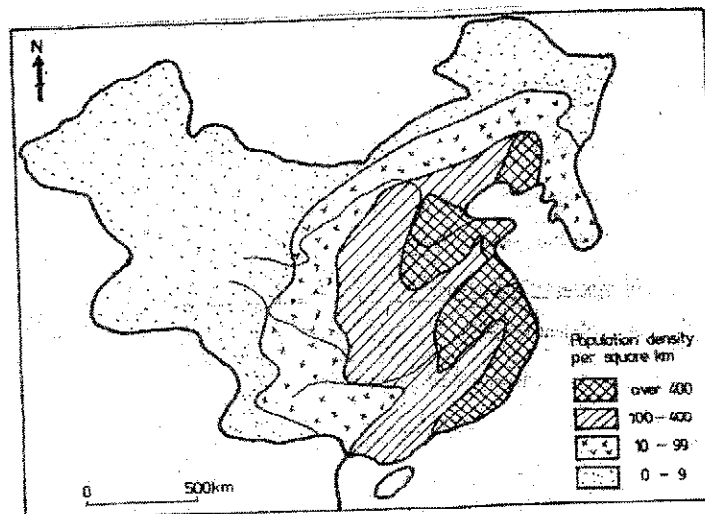


Fig. 2

- (a) What factors have influenced the population distribution shown in figure 2 above. (3 marks)
- (b) Why is a large population sometimes very important? (2 marks)
- (c) Give **two** disadvantages of high population density in China. (2marks)

12. Air transport plays a key role in the economies of many countries.

- (a) Identify **three** advantages of air transport over other forms of transport. (3 marks)
- (b) What are the disadvantages of air transport? (2 marks)

SECTION B: Answer any three questions. (40 marks)

13. Ecotourism in Rwanda is primarily focused on the flora and fauna found in its protected areas. Give and explain the factors of ecotourism development in Rwanda. (10 marks)

14. Coffee and tea are considered as industrial crops for the economic development of Rwanda.

- a) Describe the factors which have favoured the growing of coffee and tea in Rwanda. (4 marks)
- (b) Explain the benefits of either coffee or tea to the people of Rwanda. (3 marks)
- c) Outline the problems faced by farmers who grow the crop chosen in (b) above. (3 marks)

15. a) Describe **three** factors which favour the development of irrigation schemes in Africa. (3 marks)

b) Name **one** irrigation scheme you are familiar with in Africa. (1 mark)

c) Explain the benefits of the scheme mentioned in (b) above to the people living in nearby areas. (3 marks)

d) Outline the problems faced by people living on the irrigation scheme in (b) above. (3 marks)

16. The River Rhine is located in Europe.

(a) Name **three** countries through which River Rhine flows. (3 marks)

(b) Name the country in which the Ruhr industrial complex is located. (1 mark)

(c) What benefits has the Rhine waterway brought to the Rhine lands? (3 marks)

17. The USA is known to be the most industrialized country in the World.

a) Give **three** reasons for the industrial development in USA.

(3 marks)

b) Identify **four** main industrial regions in the USA.

(4 marks)

c) Name **three** car industries in the USA.

(3 marks)

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