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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- (a) This paper has **two** Sections **A** and **B**.
- (b) Answer all the questions in Section **A**.
- (c) Answer question **6** and any other **two** questions from Section **B**.
- (d) All answers must be written in the answer booklet provided.
- (e) Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the papers are printed as indicated and no questions are missing.
- (f) Candidates should answer the questions in English.

Answer **all** questions from this section.

1. (a) (i) What name is given to the shape of the earth? (1mk)
- (ii) Give the **two** dates in a year when the hours of darkness are equal to the hours of light at the poles. (2mks)
- (b) State **two** reasons why the interior of the earth is believed to be hot. (2mks)
2. (a) Give **three** examples of chemically formed sedimentary rocks. (3mks)
- (b) Mention **three** changes that occur to sedimentary rocks when exposed to great heat and pressure. (3mks)
3. (a) Give **three** reasons why it is important to study the plate tectonics theory. (3mks)
- (b) Name **two** fold mountains formed during the alpine orogany (2mks)
4. (a) Differentiate between soil profile and soil catena. (2mks)
- (b) Give **three** components of soil apart from humus. (3mks)
5. State **four** ways in which the earth's crust is affected by earthquakes. (4mks)

SECTION B:

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

6. (a) (i) What kind of a map is the Karatina map sheet. (1mk)
- (ii) Measure the length of Road D451 from the junction grid reference 870472 to the LC grid reference 861522. Give your answer in kilometers. (2mks)
- (iii) Calculate the area of Mount Kenya forest to the East of Easting 02. (2mks)
- (iv) Give the latitudinal and longitudinal location of the South West edge of the map. (2mks)
- (b) From the marginal information:
- (i) Identify **two** districts covered in the map. (2mks)
- (ii) Identify **two** man-made features in grid square 8454. (2mks)

covered by the map. (6mks)

(d) Citing evidence from the map.

(i) Identify **two** agricultural activities carried out in the area covered by the map apart from coffee farming. (2mks)

(ii) Explain **three** factors that favour coffee growing in the area covered by the map. (6mks)

7. (a) (i) Name **three** types of faults. (3mks)

(ii) With the aid of clearly labelled diagrams, describe the formation of the Rift Valley by compressional theory. (7mks)

(ii) State **two** ways in which faulting influences drainage. (2mks)

(b) Explain why most lakes in the Rift Valley have saline water. (6mks)

(c) Your class undertook a field study on lakes formed through faulting.

(i) Give **two** characteristic features of lakes you may have identified. (2mks)

(ii) State **three** uses of the lakes that you may have found. (3mks)

(iii) Give **two** benefits of studying lakes through field study. (2mks)

8. (a) With the aid of a well labelled diagram, illustrate the hydrological cycle. (5mks)

(b) Describe the following drainage patterns illustrate with clearly labelled diagrams.

(i) Dendritic. (3mks)

(ii) Trellis. (3mks)

(c) (i) State **three** conditions necessary for delta formation. (3mks)

(ii) Name the type of delta found on River:

- Tana (1mk)

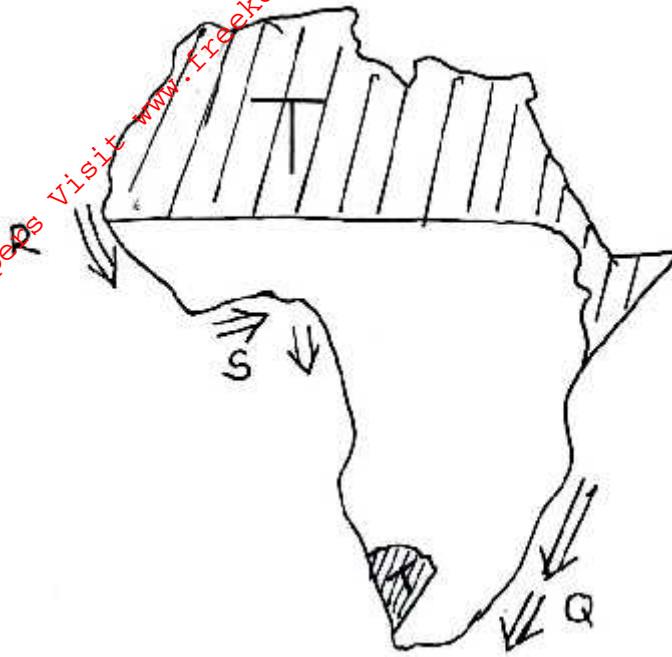
- Omo (1mk)

(d) State **five** characteristics of a flood plain. (5mks)

(e) Describe the formation of an Ox-bow lake. (4mks)

9. (a) What is micro-climate? (2mks)

(b) Use the map of Africa below to answer the questions that follow.



- (i) Name the ocean currents marked **R** and **S**. (2mks)
- (ii) Explain how the ocean current marked **Q** influence the climate of the adjacent land. (4mks)
- (c) Describe the characteristics of the climatic region marked **T**. (5mks)
- (d) Apart from ocean currents, explain **three** factors that influence climate. (6mks)
- (e) You are planning to carry out field study on the relationship between climate and vegetation.
- (i) State **three** objective of your filed study. (3mks)
- (ii) Give **three** measures you would recommend to combat desertification. (3mks)
10. (a) Name **two** ice capped mountains in Africa. (2mks)
- (b) Describe the formation of the following features.
- (i) Glacial trough. (3mks)
- (ii) Pyramidal peak. (6mks)
- (c) Explain **three** factors that influence glacial erosion. (6mks)
- (d) Explain **four** ways in which Upland glaciated features are of significance to human activities. (8mks)