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ORDINARY LEVEL

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MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION PAPER

One and a half (1½) hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Read the following instructions carefully before you start answering the questions in this paper. Make sure you have a soft HB pencil and an eraser for this examination.

1. USE AN HB PENCIL THROUGHOUT THE EXAMINATION.
2. DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

Before the examination begins:

3. Check that this question booklet is headed "**Ordinary Level - 0550 GEOGRAPHY 1**".
4. Fill in the information required in the spaces above.
5. Fill in the information required in the spaces provided on the answer sheet using your HB pencil:
Candidate Name, Exam Session, Subject Code and Candidate Identification Number.
Take care that you do not crease or fold the answer sheet or make any marks on it other than those asked for in these instructions.

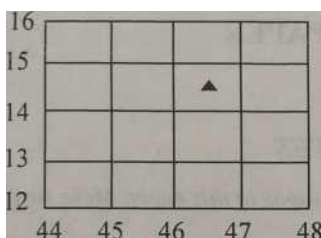
How to answer the questions in this examination

6. Answer **ALL** questions in this examination. All questions carry equal marks.
7. Calculators are allowed.
8. Each question has FOUR suggested answers: **A, B, C** and **D**. Decide on which answer is correct. Find the number of the question on the Answer Sheet and draw a horizontal line across the letter to join the square brackets for the answer you have chosen.
For example, if **C** is your correct answer, mark **C** as shown below:
[A] [B] [C] [D]
9. Mark only one answer for each question. If you mark more than one answer, you will score a zero for that question. If you change your mind about an answer, erase the first mark carefully and then mark your new answer.
10. Avoid spending too much time on any one question. If you find a question difficult, move on to the next question. You can come back to this question later.
11. Do all your rough work in this booklet using the blank spaces in the question booklet.
12. **At the end of the examination, the invigilator shall collect the answer sheet first and then the question booklet. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO LEAVE THE EXAMINATION HALL WITH IT.**

Turn Over

1. Ordnance Survey Maps show all of the following natural Features EXCEPT:
A climate.
B drainage.
C relief.
D vegetation.
2. If the scale of a map is 1:25000, how far would be the ground distance if there is a measurement of 17cm on such a map?
A 4.25 cm
B 8.5 cm
C 4.25 km
D 8.5 km

3. Figure 1 below is for question 3. The grid reference for the mountain peak is:



- A 144467
B 469145
C 465145
D 144462
4. On a topographic map, the evidence of a poorly drained area is the presence of:
A streams and rivers.
B swamps and marshes.
C rock outcrops.
D lakes and springs.
5. The experience of day and night is caused by:
A the spinning of the earth on its axis.
B the spinning of the earth around the sun.
C the movement of the earth and moon.
D the spherical shape of the earth .
6. Which of the following is a characteristic of Longitudes?
A They are parallel to each other.
B They form complete circles.
C They have equal lengths.
D They run from west to east.

7. If local time in town X is 10pm and that of town Y is 4pm on the same day, it implies that the Town X lies to the ___ of Y.
A north
B east
C west
D south

8. Water from the earth's surface gets to the atmosphere through the process of:
A sublimation.
B precipitation.
C condensation.
D evaporation.

9. What other name can be given to the water cycle?
A Hydrological Cycle
B Atmospheric Circulation
C Biogeochemical Cycle
D Water Circulation

10. On a weather map, a line connecting places of equal air pressure is called:
A isohel.
B isobar.
C isotherm.
D isohyet.

11. Water vapour condenses into water droplets in the atmosphere when:
A relative humidity is 0%.
B dew point is reached.
C temperature is 100% C.
D condensation nuclei is much.

12. "Generally, mountain tops tend to be colder". Which factor of climate is referred to in this statement?
A Aspect
B Altitude
C Distance from the sea
D Latitude

13. Which type of climate does the data on Table below represent?

Month	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Temp (°C)	7	8	11	18	22	22	24	21	17	12	8	8
Rainfall (mm)	81	69	74	66	54	41	18	25	64	127	112	99

- A Mediterranean climate.
B Cool temperate climate.
C Tropical monsoon climate.
D Tropical continental climate.

14. When the relative humidity of an area is low how would the hygrometer look like?

- A The wet and dry bulb thermometers read differently.
B The wet and dry bulb thermometers read the same.
C The wet and dry bulb thermometers show little differences.
D The wet and dry bulb thermometers show wide differences.

15. This is a method of soil conservation?

- A Overgrazing
B Overcropping
C Terracing
D Deforestation

16. Sort out the odd statement from the information on vegetation below:

- A Steppe, Prairie and Pampas are temperate grasslands.
B Prairies and savannah are tropical grasslands.
C Prairies, pampas and steppe are of the cool temperate climate.
D Savannah, steppe and pampas have continental locations.

17. A large area with the same characteristics of climate, soil, plants and animals is a:

- A region.
B environment.
C biome.
D habitat.

18. When two continental plate margins meet they form:

- A deep sea trench.
B rift valley.
C mid-ocean ridge.
D fold mountain range.

19. Rocks formed from fragments of other rocks or remains of living organisms are called:

- A pre-cambrian rocks.
B igneous rocks.
C sedimentary rocks.
D metamorphic rocks.

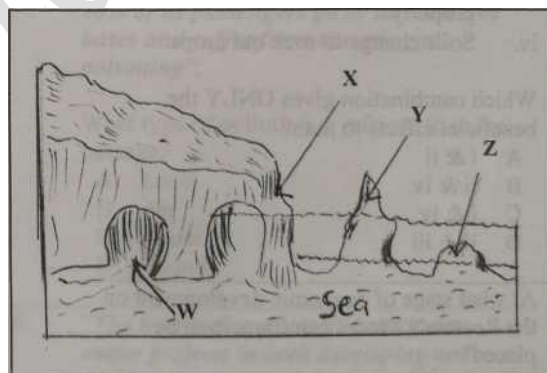
20. Faulting will produce the following EXCEPT:

- A Horsts
B Rift Valley
C Fault Scarp
D Dykes

- An exfoliation dome is formed by:

- A wetting and drying.
B temperature changes.
C frost action.
D pressure release.

22. Study Figure 2 and answer the question that follows:



- The features represented by letters **W, X, Y and Z** in their correct order are:

- A Cave, Cliff, Blow Hole, Cape.
B Cave, Arch, Stack, Stump.
C Geo, Arch, Cape, Cave.
D Cave, Cliff, Cape, Stump.

23. Which of the following groups of gases is made up only of Greenhouse Gases?

- A Carbon dioxide-Methane-Nitrous oxides.
B Carbon dioxide-Nitrogen-Water vapour.
C Carbon dioxide-Oxygen-Sulphur dioxide.
D Carbon monoxide-Nitrogen-Water vapour.

24. Study the following:
i. Heavy rains
ii. Hail stones
iii. Poor drainage
iv. Rain bearing clouds
- Which of the following pairs gives ONLY causes of floods in lowlands?
A i & iv
B i & iii
C ii & iv
D ii & iii
25. Desertification is experienced in:
A semi-arid climate.
B humid climate.
C cold climate.
D mountainous climate.
26. The following are some effects of volcanicity:
i. It provides fertile soils for farming.
ii. It provides man with a clean source of water.
iii. It causes loss of life and damages property.
iv. Soils change to rock out crops.
- Which combination gives ONLY the beneficial effects to man?
A i & ii B ii & iv C i & iv D ii & iii
27. At what stage of economic development on the Rostow's Model can Cameroon be placed?
A Traditional Society
B Pre-condition for Take-off
C Take-off
D High Mass Consumption
28. Which among these is NOT one of the Millennium Development Goals?
A Eradicate extreme poverty.
B Promote gender equity.
C Reduce Infant Mortality.
D Reduce level of education.
29. A cocoa farmer who grows some maize and cocoyams in between his cocoa plants for subsistence is practising?
A Monoculture
B Mixed Farming
C Mixed Cropping
D Monocropping
30. Which of these is a characteristic feature of intensive farming?
A Low yield per acre.
B Mainly for subsistence.
C Small farm sizes.
D Large farm sizes.
31. In which of these forests do trees occur in pure stands for easy exploitation?
A Mangrove forests.
B Tropical rainforests.
C Temperate coniferous forests.
D Tropical monsoon forests.
32. An important way to conserve fish resources is to:
A practice indiscriminate fishing.
B make use of nets with very small holes.
C issue licenses to whoever wants to exploit.
D use nets with large holes in fishing.
33. ***"It involves the sieving of deposits of sand and particles of valuable minerals such as gold."***
What name is given to this mining method?
A Shaft method
B Placer method
C Open cast method
D Adit method
34. Which one of the following is an advantage of hydroelectric power (H.E.P) over coal?
A HEP is non-renewable compared to coal.
B HEP is more difficult to transport over long distances than coal.
C HEP is cleaner to use than coal.
D H.E.P is a greenhouse gas producer.
- Read the following newspaper report carefully and answer questions 35 and 36.
- "Because of low rainfall, farmers were unable to irrigate their farms. The water sources were drying up. Carrot, lettuce, cabbage, potatoes and leeks withered and died".***
(Source: Adapted from Timescape Magazine; 2012 April/May)
35. The environmental hazard suffered by the farmers can be described as:
A low rainfall.
B global warming.
C drought.
D desertification.

36. The farming type in the passage can best be described as:
A mixed farming.
B irrigation farming.
C truck farming.
D horticulture.
37. It is the fastest, most comfortable but most expensive mode of transport.
A Land
B Water
C Air
D Cable
38. One of the following is an INCORRECT strategy for development that can be used by the Low Income Countries (LICs) to attain economic emergence.
A Cheap loans and subsidies to industries.
B Restrictions on imports to protect infant industries.
C Revaluation of currencies to make exports expensive.
D Tax holidays and creation of free trade zones for investors.
39. The following statements are reasons for trade blocks EXCEPT:
A they protect infant industries within member countries.
B they lead to the production of low quality goods.
C they increase the GDP of member countries.
D they encourage good relations between members.
40. What will tourists wish to avoid?
A Good Hotels
B Good Food
C Shopping Facilities
D Civil Strife
41. A region has 30.000 inhabitants, with a surface area of 5.000 Km². What is the population density of this region?
A 0.1667 persons per km²
B 6 person per m²
C 5 persons per km²
D 6 persons per km²
42. the number of babies who die before the age of one (1) in a year expressed as a thousand of the number of live birth of a country's population is:
A death rate.
B infant mortality rate.
C life expectancy.
D mortality rate.
43. In a village that depends on agriculture, what factors will the people consider in locating their village?
A Fertile Soils and Grazing land.
B Security and Fertile Soils,
C Grazing land and building material.
D Water availability and grazing land.
44. The ranking of towns according to their sizes and functions is referred to as:
A Urban Fringes.
B Urban Hierarchy.
C Urban Morphology.
D Central Business District.
45. *"Bangkok is the capital city of Thailand. 40% of its passengers go by un ventilated buses and suffer from chronic gas poisoning"*
What type of pollution is referred to in the passage?
A Land
B Air
C Water
D Sound
46. ***"The harnessing of rivers constitutes major projects in both developing and developed countries"***
Pick out the correct project and river over which it is found.
A Kainji Project-River Niger
B Akossombo Dam Project- River Volta
C Ladgo Project -River Logone
D Aswan High Dam-River Zambezi
47. Which one of the following is an active volcanic mountain in Cameroon?
A Mount Fako
B Mount Manenguba
C Mount Oku
D Mount Mandara