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111 **GENERAL STUDIES**
(For Both School and Private Candidates)

Time: 2 Hours 30 Minutes **2006 February, 06 Monday a.m.**

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper consists of **sixteen (16)** questions in sections A, B, C and D.
2. Answer **four (4)** questions, choosing at least **one (1)** question from each section.
3. All questions carry equal marks.
4. Cellular phones are **not** allowed in the examination room.
5. Write your **Examination Number** on every page of your answer booklet(s).

SECTION A
COMMUNICATION

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

In an effort to update their economies, developing countries mainly rely on the machinery and technology transferred to them from the industrialized world and adjusted to the specific local conditions under which the national economies operate.

The transfer of technology is a broad notion which implies that developing nations not only bring in the advanced equipment and know-how from abroad, but also adapt new work ethics, including managerial and marketing skills, which provide for the efficient use of the transferred machinery and technology. What they also need is trained personnel and technical staff and the access to world market.

Developing countries are in a permanent need for the latest technologies, thus making the owners of those technologies to take advantage of the situation hence derive high profits. To buy the patents, licences, trademarks and invite foreign experts, developing countries have to pay the Western Corporations an ever increasing part of their hard currency receipts.

By accepting these terms, the developing countries cannot proceed along the road to progress independently. They are obliged to regularly renew purchases from the same Transnational Corporations from which the technology was originally bought. Quite often they are compelled to buy the technology which does not meet their requirements, damages nature and depend on imported raw and subsidiary materials and spare parts.

QUESTIONS

(a) Suggest the suitable heading for the passage.

(b) Wh does the author say that the transfer of technology is a broad notion?

(c) Identify the consequences of transfer of technology to the developing countries as given in the passage.

(d) In your own words, suggest at least **four (4)** ways in which the developing countries can get rid of technology transfer.

(e) The author says that the developing countries cannot proceed along the road to progress independently by accepting the terms made by the Transnational Corporations. Give reasons.

2. Account for the factors which hinder effective communication.

3. The standard of English language in post-primary schools in Tanzania has declined due to lack of clear language policy. Argue for or against this view.

4. General Studies as a discipline has a role to play in our youths today. Discuss.

SECTION B
CULTURE, PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

5. Examine the major factors constraining gender equity and gender balance in Tanzania.

6. To what extent can religions be an agent of social change?

7. (a) What is culture?

   (b) Examine the effects of Western culture to the Tanzanian society.

   (c) Mention the steps which were taken by the government of Tanzania to rectify the impact of Western culture soon after independence.

8. In what ways can local and foreign television networks, video shows, magazines and cinema destroy the culture of African societies?

SECTION C
POLITICS, SOCIO-ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

9. Poverty is said to be a great burden to developing countries. Suggest ways which can be employed by developing countries to alleviate poverty.

10. How does the Parliamentary system of government differ from the Presidential system of government?

11. Explain briefly the qualities of good governance.

12. Assess the problems that hinder development of regional economic integrations in Africa.

SECTION D
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT

13. Examine the socio-economic limitations related to transfer of technology from developed countries to least developed countries like Tanzania

14. Despite the efforts made, the industrialization process in Third World Countries has been very slow. Discuss.

15. “Environmental degradation is more often a man made hazard”. Discuss.

16. How has environmental pollution affected the society in Tanzania?