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READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

1. This paper consists of TWO sections, Section A and Section B.
2. There is one compulsory question in Section A. There are two questions in Section B from which you must answer ONE.
3. You must answer TWO questions in all: the compulsory question in Section A and ONE question from Section B.
4. You should NOT bring notes or other textual materials into the examination room for use during the sitting of this paper.

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SECTION A

This question is compulsory.

Question 1

The following case relates to the impact of the economic recession on food security in the Caribbean. Read the case carefully and answer ALL the questions that follow.

CASE

The Caribbean Investigation Agency has been commissioned to examine the rise in the Caribbean's food import bill. The agency has published the following report.

The Caribbean region, an area of tranquility, with pristine beaches and excellent weather, finds itself in the midst of a crisis. Its 'open' nature means that it is exposed to the vagaries of the international economic, political and financial systems. In addition, the region has had to contend with the effects of droughts and other natural and man-made disasters around the world which have had an adverse impact on its food security. The prices of staples, for example, corn and wheat, have risen. This price rise has affected the Caribbean's poultry and swine industries which import corn for the production of chicken and pork.

Business associations and the public at large have therefore increased their demands for national and regional policymakers to give the issue of food security the attention it deserves. The price increases on basic commodities in the region are part of the general inflationary trend. For example, in 2012, the Consumer Price Index increased by 10 per cent over a 6-month period. Additionally, tourist revenues have declined by 17 per cent over the past year. This is against the backdrop of severe coastal flooding which has reduced the swine population of the region's top swine producer by 35 per cent. Moreover, a significant drop in crop production across the region, in part caused by outdated husbandry as well as inadequate pest control, have increased the burden on the region's public. As a result, local communities and national economies in the Caribbean are adversely affected.

The region has therefore embraced the Patel Initiative which attempts to assist in getting the region's agricultural industry back on its feet. However, in an attempt to garner the relevant archival material on food production and its attendant issues, the agency found that many of the key regional and national institutions lack computerized databases. This setback meant that the data had to be collected from site visits over a six-month period. In spite of the numerous challenges encountered, the research agency was able to complete its work.

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(a) **Research Objectives**

Identify ONE research objective of this investigation. [2 marks]

(b) **Methods of Inquiry**

(i) State TWO data collection methods that could be used to collect the data. [2 marks]

(ii) For EACH of the methods stated in (b) (i) above, state its relevance to the investigation. [4 marks]

(c) **Ethical Conduct**

(i) Identify TWO ethical issues that should be considered in this investigation. [2 marks]

(ii) For EACH of the issues identified in (c) (i) above, explain ONE possible implication of 'unethical conduct'. [4 marks]

(d) **Limitations**

(i) Identify TWO challenges that the research agency would have likely faced during the investigation. [4 marks]

(ii) Explain ONE way in which EACH challenge would have impacted the findings of the research. [4 marks]

(e) **Conclusions and Recommendations**

(i) State TWO possible conclusions that could be drawn from the findings. [4 marks]

(ii) State TWO recommendations that are likely to be made by the researcher. [4 marks]

Total 30 marks

SECTION B

Answer ONE question from this section.

You are required to conduct an investigation into ONE of the following:

- The impact of a **named** sport on the development of the Caribbean region and diaspora
- The impact of international assistance in the control of crime in a **named** Caribbean territory

Answer ONE of the following questions based on the topic you have researched.

EITHER

Question 2 — The impact of a **named** sport on the development of the Caribbean region and diaspora

- (a) Give THREE reasons why the sport you have selected became part of Caribbean culture. **[6 marks]**
- (b) Examine THREE policies implemented by the government of a Caribbean country in its effort to develop your chosen sport. **[9 marks]**
- (c) (i) Outline THREE ways in which the sport you have chosen has impacted women in Caribbean society. **[6 marks]**
- (ii) Explain ONE way in which this sport has impacted the Caribbean diaspora. **[2 marks]**
- (d) List THREE ways in which the named sport boosts employment in the Caribbean. **[3 marks]**
- (e) State TWO economic benefits of your chosen sport, other than the creation of employment. **[4 marks]**

Total 30 marks

OR

Question 3— The impact of international assistance in the control of crime in a **named** Caribbean territory

- (a) Outline **THREE** reasons why the Caribbean is seen as a transshipment point for the international drug trade. **[6 marks]**
- (b) State **TWO** examples of international criminal activities in the Caribbean, other than drug trading. **[2 marks]**
- (c) Explain **THREE** initiatives implemented by the international community in its effort to control criminal activity in the Caribbean. **[9 marks]**
- (d) Discuss **THREE** challenges faced by the Caribbean in its effort to control criminal activity. **[9 marks]**
- (e) Explain **TWO** implications that the use of international assistance may have for the armed forces in the Caribbean. **[4 marks]**

Total 30 marks

END OF TEST

IF YOU FINISH BEFORE TIME IS CALLED, CHECK YOUR WORK ON THIS TEST.