

**GENERAL STUDIES AND
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QUESTIONS and ANSWERS BOOKLET

**ADVANCED LEVEL NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS,
2025-2026**

Instructions to candidates:

- 1) Write your names and index number on the question-answer booklet as they appear on your registration form and **DO NOT** write your names and index number on additional answer sheets if provided.
- 2) Do not open this question-answer booklet until you are told to do so.
- 3) This paper consists of **THREE** sections: **A, B, and C**
SECTION A: Attempt ALL questions. (55 marks)
SECTION B: Attempt only **TWO** questions. (30 marks)
SECTION C: Attempt only ONE question. (15 marks)
- 4) Use only a **blue** or **black** pen.
- 5) You must answer in clear continuous prose.
- 6) For multiple choice questions, circle a letter corresponding to the correct answer.

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Questions	Marks	Questions	Marks
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TOTAL MARKS...../100

SECTION A: ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION (55 MARKS)

For all multiple choice questions, circle a letter corresponding to the correct answer.

1) i) What is a renewable energy resource? (1 mark)

- A) A resource that cannot be replaced.
- B) A resource that regenerates naturally.
- C) A resource found only underground.
- D) A resource used only in industries.

ii) Give 2 examples of energy resources used in Rwanda. (2 marks)

2) Circle a letter corresponding to the correct answer (5 marks)

i) One major way communication has contributed to development in Rwanda is by:

- A) Eliminating poverty completely
- B) Making information sharing and service delivery faster
- C) Reducing population growth
- D) Replacing traditional culture

ii) The use of mobile phones and the Internet has reduced global boundaries mainly by:

- A) Increasing national isolation
- B) Limiting international trade
- C) Improving interaction and information exchange across countries
- D) Preventing cultural exchange

iii) Global problems such as terrorism and climate change require international cooperation because they:

- A) Affect only developed countries
- B) Are too expensive to solve
- C) Cross national borders and affect many countries
- D) Are caused by technology

iv) ICT has improved international economic cooperation mainly by:

- A) Eliminating local markets
- B) Creating a global market for communication and trade
- C) Stopping competition among states
- D) Reducing employment

v) International conferences strengthen international relations because they:

- A) Entertain participants
- B) Allow countries to compete
- C) Provide platforms for dialogue, negotiation and shared commitments
- D) Replace national governments

3) Match the following terms with their descriptions:

(5 marks)

Terms:	Description
i) Social Cohesion	a) A situation where all individuals, regardless of their background, are treated fairly and equally.
ii) Cultural Diversity	b) The act of people from different cultural backgrounds coming together and working towards common.
iii) Community Engagement	c) The involvement of all members of a community, ensuring no one is marginalized.
iv) Inclusion	d) The willingness of individuals and groups to participate in civic activities.
v) Social Justice	e) The degree to which people feel connected and committed to the well-being of society.

4) i) A family wants to reduce the risk of diabetes. Which daily habit should they apply?

(1 mark)

- A) Eating more fried foods
- B) Reducing physical activity
- C) Using a diet high in sugar
- D) Exercising and reducing fatty foods

ii) A student chooses meals dominated by fast foods for several weeks. What is the most likely health effect of this habit? **(1 mark)**

- A) Improved immunity due to high fats
- B) Increased risks of non-communicable diseases
- C) Reduced risks of infectious diseases
- D) Immediate increase in bone strength

5) Fill in the blank spaces using the concepts provided in the brackets:

(5 marks)

(national heritage, cultural, heritage sites , art forms, sculpture)

- a) The restoration of historic buildings and monuments is an example of howcan be preserved in the arts.
- b) A form of art that uses materials such as clay, wood, or metal to create three-dimensional objects is.....
- c) Traditional dance, music, and craftwork are essential in preserving a nation'sheritage.
- d) A key aspect of culture preservation is the protection and maintenance of, such as historical buildings and monuments.
- e) Preserving traditional, such as dance, music, and craftwork, helps maintain cultural heritage for future generations.

6) Match the type of financial scam with the correct description

(5 marks)

Type of financial scam	Description
a) Advance fee scam	i) A person is offered a job, but is required to pay money before being officially employed.
b) Ponzi scheme	ii) People are promised high returns, but the money paid to earlier investors comes from new investors.
c) Phishing	iii) Fraudsters trick victims into sharing bank details by sending emails that appear to come from trusted. Institutions.
d) Card skimming	iv) A victim's card details are secretly captured while using an ATM or making a card payment.
e) Job and employment scam	v) Victims are convinced to pay a fee in advance with the hope of receiving prize money that does not exist.

7) Circle a letter corresponding the best option

(4 marks)

- i) Neo-colonialism mainly occurs through:
 - A) Military conquest
 - B) Cultural exchange
 - C) Economic and political influence
 - D) Traditional leadership
- ii) Which of the following best defines geopolitics?
 - A) Study of language between nations
 - B) Study of power relations influenced by geography
 - C) Study of colonial history only
 - D) Study of population growth
- iii) A country receives foreign aid, but must adopt donor-imposed economic policies. What is the main implication of this relationship?
 - A) Strengthened sovereignty through financial assistance.
 - B) Full political independence due to external support.
 - C) Increased industrialization through internal control.
 - D) Reduced autonomy due to external policy influence.
- iv) Neo-colonialism differs from colonialism because it:
 - A) Uses direct rule
 - B) Uses indirect methods of control
 - C) Has no foreign influence
 - D) Occurs only in Europe

8) Read the following statements and indicate whether they are **TRUE** or **FALSE**

(5 marks)

- a) Neo-colonialism involves indirect control of a country through economic and political means. _____
- b) In neo-colonialism, foreign countries rule directly through governors and armies. _____
- c) Heavy dependence on foreign loans can lead to neo-colonialism. _____
- d) Multinational companies can be instruments of neo-colonialism. _____
- e) Neo-colonialism ended completely after African countries gained independence. _____

9) Fill in the blank spaces using the following concepts: **integrated nutrient**

management, limestone, organic fertilisers, inter-cropping. (2 marks)

A farmer discovers that his soil is acidic, low in nitrogen, and has poor structure after many years of continuous cultivation. To restore soil fertility and improve crop productivity, he appliesto reduce soil acidity, practices by planting beans with maize to increase nitrogen levels, uses.....to combine organic manure with chemical fertilisers for sustained nutrient supply, and

addsto improve soil structure and attract beneficial microorganisms.

10) Read the following statements and indicate whether they are **TRUE or **FALSE**. (3 marks)**

- i) The transmission of cultural heritage from elders to children is achieved mainly through written literature. _____
- ii) Literary works have little or no value in helping future generations understand the experiences of earlier societies. _____
- iii) Literature contributes to society by preserving cultural values and documenting historical experiences. _____

11) Which of the following best explains a benefit of mass sport activities in Rwanda? (2 marks)

- A) Weakening social bonds and discouraging teamwork.
- B) Enhancing physical health and strengthening national unity.
- C) Promoting division and reducing community participation.
- D) Limiting access to sports by excluding the majority of citizens.

12) Many young people imitate violent behaviour and risky lifestyles seen on social media and music videos. Some influencers promote drug use as fashionable, without showing its harmful effects.

i) This case best illustrates (2 marks)

- A) Positive cultural transmission
- B) Responsible journalism
- C) Abuse of media in culture
- D) Freedom of the press

ii) The influence described is harmful mainly because it: (2 marks)

- A) Encourages moral decay among youth
- B) Promotes traditional values
- C) Strengthens family ties
- D) Improves discipline

13) Which of the following best shows how keeping a personal budget helps an individual? (2 marks)

- A) It helps track spending, plan for future expenses, and maintain personal savings.
- B) It allows one to spend freely without worrying about income or priorities.
- C) It focuses only on big purchases while ignoring everyday necessary expenses.
- D) It replaces the need to save or manage money responsibly.

- 14)** Assess each conflict situation below and match it with the most effective conflict management strategy. **(4 marks)**

Conflict situation	Conflict management strategy
a) Two business partners adjust their demands to reach a fair agreement where both gain and lose something.	i) Accommodating
b) An individual struggling to decide which career path to follow.	ii) Arbitration
c) Two departments in an organisation disagree and invite an external expert to help them reach a fair agreement.	iii) Guidance and counselling
d) A situation where one party willingly gives in to maintain harmony.	iv) Compromising

- 15)** Read the following statements and indicate whether they are **TRUE** or **FALSE**. **(4 marks)**

- a) Saving all money in a bank for many years in a high-inflation economy is the best long-term financial decision. _____
- b) Borrowing money for income-generating activities is more justifiable than borrowing for luxury consumption. _____
- c) Diversifying investments reduces risks more effectively than investing in a single sector. _____
- d) Keeping large amounts of cash at home is a safer option than investing during periods of economic uncertainty. _____

SECTION B: ATTEMPT ONLY TWO (2) QUESTIONS (30 MARKS)

- 16)** After completing Senior Six, you are preparing to apply for your first part-time job or internship. Prepare a complete Curriculum Vitae (C.V) that you would submit for this opportunity.

Note: - Don't use your real names.

- Use the following names: Hirwa John from Muhanga district.

(15 marks)

- 17)** Analyse the ways in which national service and self-reliance have contributed to Rwanda's socio-economic development. **(15 marks)**

- 18)** Suppose you want to become a marketing manager within the next five years.

Develop a personal career development plan that will guide you towards achieving this goal. **(15 marks)**

SECTION C: ATTEMPT ONLY ONE QUESTION (15 MARKS)

- 19) The table below shows reported cases of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and child abuse in a country Y over a four-year period.

Table: Reported cases of GBV and Child Abuse (2021–2024)

YEAR	GBV CASES	CHILD ABUSE CASES
2021	4,200	2,800
2022	4,850	3,100
2023	5,600	3,750
2024	6400	4,300

Questions:

- Calculate the percentage increase in GBV cases from 2021 to 2024. (2 marks)
- Account for the increase in reported GBV and child abuse cases. (4 marks)
- State two effects of Gender-Based Violence on children. (2 marks)
- Suggest two measures that can reduce GBV and child abuse in society. (2 marks)
- Draw a column chart showing GBV and child abuse cases from 2021 to 2024. (5 marks)

- 20) Read the text below and then answer the questions that follow.

Gender-Based Violence and Child abuse

Gender-Based Violence (GBV) is any harmful act directed at a person based on their gender. Children, especially girls, are often the most affected. GBV can take many forms, including physical, emotional, and sexual abuse. It violates children's rights and affects their safety, health, and development.

Child abuse is a major form of GBV. It occurs when a child is physically hurt, emotionally mistreated, sexually exploited, or neglected. Both boys and girls can be victims, but girls are often more vulnerable to sexual abuse due to cultural and social norms.

The effects of GBV and child abuse are severe. Children may experience fear, low self-esteem, depression, or anxiety. They may have difficulties in school and struggle to form trusting relationships. In some cases, abuse can lead to long-term psychological and social problems.

Many children do not report abuse because they fear being punished, ignored, or blamed. Lack of awareness about their rights and weak protection systems

also contribute to underreporting. Adults, teachers, and community members have a responsibility to notice warning signs and intervene.

Preventing GBV and child abuse requires action at all levels. Families should treat children with respect and care. Schools should educate children about their rights and safe behaviors. Governments and communities should enforce laws and policies that protect children from all forms of abuse.

When children are protected from GBV and abuse, they can grow into healthy, confident, and responsible adults. Promoting gender equality, educating communities, and raising awareness about children's rights are essential steps towards ending violence against children.

Questions

1. Circle the best answer from the given alternatives (according to the passage)
(5 marks)

I. What is the main focus of the text?

- A) Child education methods
- B) Gender-Based Violence and child abuse
- C) Family income management
- D) School discipline

II. Which group of children is most vulnerable to GBV according to the text?

- A) Boys
- B) Children in urban areas
- C) Girls
- D) Teachers

III. Why do many children fail to report abuse?

- A) They do not know how to read
- B) Fear of punishment or being blamed
- C) They like the attention
- D) Schools prevent them

IV. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as an effect of child abuse?

- A) Depression
- B) Long-term social problem
- C) Difficulty trusting others
- D) High self-esteem

V. What is a recommended way to prevent GBV and child abuse?

- A) Punish all children equally
- B) Teach children to hide abuse
- C) Promote gender equality and enforce protection laws
- D) Avoid talking about rights

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