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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. This paper consists of two sections, A and B
2. Section A consists of **one** compulsory question carrying 40 marks.
3. Section B consists of **four** questions each carrying 20 marks. Answer any **three** questions.
4. Answer all the questions in the answer booklet provided.

SECTION A: COMPULSORY (40 MARKS)

1. Read the case study below and answer the questions that follow.

FUJO-MOTO BORDER ERUPTION

Borderlands are increasingly receiving attention from world political and development players due to the diversity of their instability and development opportunities. Recent studies have demonstrated that an important share of border areas and communities' livelihoods, resilience, peace and cultural patterns are cross-border by nature. As a result, political and development actors have gradually realized that analytical framework, policies and development interventions that only considered domestic dynamics are not sufficient to provide border communities with adequate support. In light of this governments and donors have gradually started to consider that tackling cross-border issues require a facilitation of trade, exchange and political-social dialogue across borders and approaches that take into account border areas connections to neighbouring countries.

Fujo and Moto are two countries that share a border. For decades, the two countries have maintained trans-boundary socio-economic and cultural ties. The interactions and exchanges between the communities along the border have played a critical role in the stability and sustainability of the livelihood of the communities.

Informal cross border trade has a discrete gender impact. In major cross-border posts, women account for a higher percentage of informal traders. This female intensive sector has broad poverty and development ramification. It constitutes a vital source of employment for the poor, low skilled women who would otherwise suffer social exclusion. Furthermore, if properly supported, informal cross-border trade can become a catalyst for value chain creation and support in rural areas. However, though cross-border trade is beneficial, it comes with a cost to individual traders as well as governments.

Women in cross-border trades are more prone to vast challenges. The trade on the other hand has become securitized as has recently happened along Fujo-Moto borders. It is alleged that the security challenges experienced in Moto area has resulted to inflow of firearms and infiltration of various armed groups who have also benefited from proceeds acquired from informal cross-border trade. An insurgent group has engaged in several raids burning houses and destroying public infrastructure in Kizito, a division in Moto where you are currently deployed as an Assistant County Commissioner.

Many citizens in Kizito have abandoned their homes and sought refuge at the divisional headquarters. There is concern that armed confrontation may arise with the current trajectory. Bilateral trade between the two countries has experienced a heavy toll. Fujo is Moto's leading export destination for refined petroleum, palm oil and salt while Fujo exports her milk and milk products to Moto.

To curb the looming conflict, Moto has temporarily closed her boundaries with Fujo, an action that has offended Fujo. She has reacted by recalling her ambassador in Moto through her Foreign Affairs ministry without giving details on why and for how long. The relation between the two previous friendly neighbours has been further strained by Moto recalling her ambassador too and further cancelling all flights to Fujo.

Kifaru, a regional bloc where the two countries are members has been requested to intervene to resolve the conflict. A four-day multilateral cross-border meeting has also been organized with an aim of finding a quick and permanent solution to the conflict. Some of the agenda of this meeting includes strategic formalization of informal trade as well as promotion of diplomacy in conflict resolution. One resolution from this meeting is for the traders along the border to formalize their businesses.

During an informal discussion with your colleagues, they argue that since Moto has the military might it would have been easier to employ military force to deal with Fujo. However, you need to convince them that Moto's quest for peaceful and stable environment is linked to her socio-economic development and prosperity and that of the region.

Required:

- a) As the Assistant County Commissioner in Kizito, explain **six** challenges that may be faced by women traders along Fujo-Moto boundary. **(12 marks)**
- b) Describe **four** actions that Kifaru can take in resolving the conflict. **(8 marks)**
- c) One of the resolutions from the multilateral conference is for traders to formalize their businesses. Explain **five** benefits that traders along Fujo-Moto boundary may derive from formalization of their businesses. **(10 marks)**
- d) As the Assistant County commissioner in Kizito division, explain **five** arguments you would put forward to convince your colleagues that economic diplomacy is the best strategy to resolve the conflict between Fujo and Moto. **(10 marks)**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS (60 MARKS)

2. a) One of the domestic factors that influence Foreign Policy is geography. Explain **five** ways in which geographical conditions has influenced Kenya's foreign policy. **(10 marks)**
- b) You have been appointed as a member of a team to resolve a resource a dispute between communities living along a border with a neighbouring country. Suggest five recommendations you would put forward to stem any further conflicts. **(10 marks)**

3. a) You have been invited by university students studying International Relations to present a paper titled “Circumstances under which United Nations may sanction use of force”. Highlight **five** circumstances you will include in your presentation. **(10 marks)**
- b) You are an Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Uhusiano attending an international conference on regional organizations in Africa. You are expected to present a paper entitled “Features of a Common Market”. Highlight **five** such features that you will include in your presentation. **(10 marks)**
4. a) Mr. Nyuat, an Assistant Secretary in the State Department for Foreign Affairs has organized a briefing session for officers who are soon to be posted abroad as part of Kenya’s diplomatic mission. The briefing will cover the obligations that a diplomatic mission has towards the receiving state. Explain **five** such obligations. **(10 marks)**
- b) Mr. Migosi, an Assistant County Commissioner has been posted to a division bordering a neighbouring country. Explain **five** areas in which he would seek to promote cross-border resource sharing. **(10 marks)**
5. a) It is expected that the East African Community (EAC) may transform into a political union called “a federation”. Highlight **five** features that are likely to emerge when the federation is realized. **(10 marks)**
- b) One of the elements of Kenya’s Foreign Policy is the promotion of the country’s cultural heritage globally. Explain **five** ways through which the country’s cultural heritage is being promoted abroad. **(10 marks)**