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WORKSHEET 12

SCHOOL: BA SANGAM COLLEGE

YEAR: 10

Name: _____

SUBJECT: SOCIAL SCIENCE

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| Strand | 3. Place and Environment |
| Sub Strand | 3.1 Geography of Fiji |
| Content Learning Outcome | 3.1.1: Investigate the main features of physical geography and illustrate how they determine land use to maximize productivity |

LESSON NOTES - LAND USE AND CROPS

Commercial cropping: The major commercial crops grown in Fiji are Sugarcane, Copra, Ginger, and Rice, although some are not exported but they are consumed locally and are sold in the local markets.

| Crops | Location | Problems |
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| Sugarcane | Western Viti Levu and Northern Vanua Levu Market : European markets, Other markets include the USA, Malaysia, China, Japan (World market), Canada, and Korea | - Fluctuation of sugar prizes, - Strikes; mills stop and farmers can lose the harvested crops - Cane burning-difficult to process as most of the sugars exported are white sugar. -Weather-prone to flooding |
| Rice farming | Navua, Nausori and Dreketi and Bua river flats | - Uncertain rainfall or excessive rainfall which may cause flooding - Poor drainage - Weather-flooding or drought -Pests and diseases - Markets in Fiji does not grow enough to be self-sufficient; whatever is grown is sold locally |
| Ginger | Waibau, Naitasiri Navatuvula, Sawani | - Erosion - Drainage should be good - Nematode infestation |
| Dalo | Taveuni, Naitasiri, Tailevu, Navua | - Low prices -Transportation -Market - Diseases/Dalo beetle |
| Banana | Naitasiri and along major river systems(floodplains) in Fiji | - Flooding/hurricane - Market - Pests and diseases |
| Potatoes | Nadarivatu, Ra | - Quality is not the same as the imported ones |
| Pawpaw | Salad Bowl of Fiji | - Climatic extremes |
| Tabaco | Nadi ,Sigatoka Valley(Virginia Tobacco) | - Flooding especially since the farms are located in low-lying areas or in floodplains -Market - Accessibility of roads |
| Pineapple | Salad Bowl of Fiji, Seaqaqa, | - Diseases - Markets - Accessibility to markets |

ACTIVITY

PARAGRAPH WRITING

(5 marks)

In a paragraph, describe sugar cane farming under the following: location, importance, problems and markets.

Short answer Questions

1. Define commercial farming and state its importance.

(2 marks)

2. State a factor which determines the location of sugar cane farming.

(1 mark)

3. State two sustainable farming practices.

(2 marks)

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