

Assignment 19-1
Economic and Environmental Issues in Africa
Economic

I. Complete the following.

A. Go to the following website www.sadc.int

1. What is the SADC?

2. What are the objectives of the SADC? Look under profile.

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

2. How do they intend to achieve their objectives?

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

B. Click on the Free Trade Area then Brochure

1. What are the goals of the SADC?

- a.
- b.

2. Which country has the largest growth rate?

C. Go to the following website www.ecowas.int

1. What is the ECOWAS?

2. What is its mission?

C. Click on Community Statutes then Treaty read the treaty and answer the following.

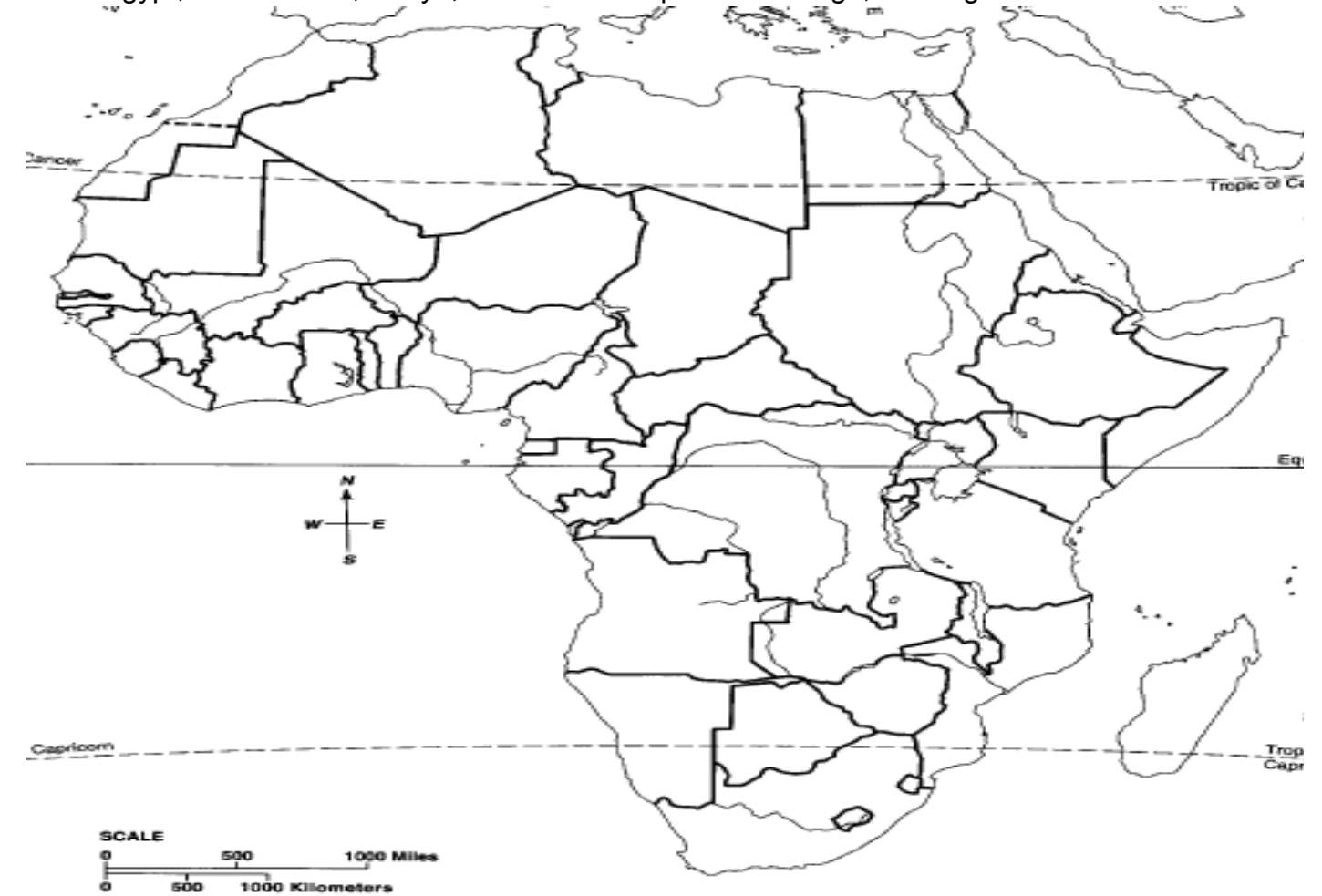
1. How does the ECOWAS intend to achieve its aims?

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

D. What are the benefits of breaking down trade barriers?

II. Complete the following.

1. Label Egypt, South Africa, Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Nigeria



2. Go to the following website www.cia.gov (click on world factbook) and complete the following table.

Country	Mineral Resources	Agricultural Resources	GDP	GDP Growth Rate
Egypt				
South Africa				
Democratic Republic of Congo				
Kenya				
Nigeria				

3. Based on the information you have gathered, what are 2 reasons for the difference in GDP and growth rate?

4. Which 2 countries would offer the best opportunity for entrepreneurship?

III. Complete the following.

A. Go to the following website http://www.wateryear2003.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=4874&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html and answer the following.

1. How does Africa rank in the world for water availability and sanitation?
2. What is Africa's share of the world's fresh water resources?
3. What is expected to affect the future of Africa's water supply?
4. What is the statistics on sanitation in Africa?
5. What are the affects of Malaria in Africa?

6. How many countries in Africa are facing food emergency?
7. What are the impacts of large dams in Africa?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

B. Go to the following website http://www.wateryear2003.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=5137&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html and answer the following.

1. What is desertification?
2. What are the causes of desertification?

3. What human activities can lead to desertification?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
4. What are the effects of desertification?

IV. Answer the following.

1. How do poor soil and deforestation distress Sub-Saharan Africa?
2. What is the impact of desertification on the environment of Africa from the Sahel to the rainforest?
3. What are the similarities and differences of the economic systems in South Africa and Nigeria?

Differences	Similarities

4. How does specialization encourage trade between countries?

5. How do tariffs, quotas, and embargos serve as barriers to trade?

6. What is the relationship between investment in human capital (education and training) and gross domestic product (GDP)?

7. What is the relationship between investment in capital (factories, machinery, and technology) and gross domestic product (GDP)?

8. How does the distribution of diamonds, gold, uranium, and oil shape the economies of Africa?