

Important Note: All of the following questions must be answered in English. Otherwise no grade will be given. (所有題目請以英文作答；中文作答不予計分)

Question 1 (50%)

Country A is a developing country WTO member. Country B is a developed country WTO member. Country K is a least developed country WTO member. Country A and Country B, as well as Country A and Country K, are neighboring countries. Country B and Country K are not neighboring countries and do not share a border. The most convenient and efficient way for cargo transit from Country B to Country K (and other important destinations for the export of Country B) is through road and railway transport via the territory of Country A. Please analyze the following measures adopted by Country A in light of WTO Law.

(1) Measure 1

Starting from a new government of Country B took office in 2015, the relations between Country A and Country B has been seriously deteriorating. These two countries have been in military tension since 2016, with sporadic armed conflicts at the border from time to time. Given the gravity of the situation, Country B imposed economic sanctions against Country A in 2017. Sanctions include restricting Country B's export of certain equipment for Country A, which is primarily used for the technology industry under development. In response, Country A imposed an import ban on certain food products from Country B in 2018 (Measure 1: the import ban). The food products subject to the import ban account for more than half of Country B's agricultural exports. (25%)

(2) Measure 2

Country A further imposed its product-specific transit ban on food products covered by Measure 1 (hereinafter the food products) in 2019. Specifically, Country A banned the food products' transit via road and rail within the territory of Country A coming from Country B and going to any other WTO Members (including Country K) (Measure 2: the transit ban). The food products constitute essential foodstuffs on which Country K heavily depends. Measure 2 has seriously disrupted Country B's export of agricultural products, and dramatically increased the price of foodstuffs in Country K. (25%)

Question 2 (50%)

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted public health, social and economic activities globally. Members of the WTO have taken various trade measures in response to the pandemic. Please analyze the COVID-related measures below from the perspective of the WTO.

(1) Some countries adopt restrictive measures. For instance, border control, travel ban, export restrictions on medical supplies or food. (25%)

(2) Some countries apply import liberalization measures. For instance, suspending anti-

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dumping duties on plastic syringes or eliminate customs duties on medicines and medical equipment. (10%)

- (3) In order to facilitate access to medicines and vaccines in developing countries, some countries propose that WTO Members waive copyright, industrial designs, patents and undisclosed information related to COVID-19 medicines, vaccines, diagnostics and other technologies. (15%)