

general cargo. A modern container terminal handles second-generation vessels with a handling capacity of 120.000 tons a year.

Task:

1. What is the importance of air transport in the developing of the country's economy?
2. What is positive and negative in privatization of the air transport?
3. How does the quality of roads influence the development of the national economy of any country?
4. Why does the government pay much attention to the development of the port infrastructure?
5. Define the emphasized words.

2.18. A VAST AND UNSPOILED LAND

Travellers find in Tanzania the best of Africa. A dozen national parks are home to virtually all the variety of continent's wildlife. Hunting and historic islands of the spice trade touch the imagination, while coral atolls, 500 miles of beach and towering mountains that reach to the roof of Africa speak to the adventurer's soul.

Tourism has become Tanzania's major foreign-exchange earner. From a base of just \$10 million a decade ago, it brought in \$300 million in 1997. The number of arrivals is climbing steadily. This year, 359 000 visitors are expected, up from 30000 last year.

Despite the growth of tourism, there has been little environmental impact.

Two thirds of tourists visit the northern game parks. To encourage such traffic, new resorts on the high scale are opening on the coast. There is a private resort at Mnemba Island with big game-boats, snorkelling and diving. The combination of beach and bush provide the ideal base for an adventure program and the reason why the company is developing the net of resorts for both. The company has also completed the Pangani River Lodge with a dramatic cliff-top view, offering big-game, fishing, river safaris and snorkelling at the nearby coral reef.

Inland, the north is one of the world's natural wonders. It centres on the highest free-standing mountain in the world snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro, more than 19.000 feet but easily climbable. The vast plains have game on an unequalled scale. To the west are two of the world's greatest freshwater lakes, Victoria and Tanganyika.

The southern part is immense and little known. Its game reserve is home for 420 species of birds and the largest population of elephants in Africa.