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TITLE OF PAPER : THEMES IN WORLD HISTORY BEFORE 1800

COURSE CODE : H100

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS :

- 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS CHOOSING AT LEAST ONE (1) FROM EACH SECTION.**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

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SECTION A**QUESTION 1**

Discuss the academic relationship that exists between history and archaeology.

QUESTION 2

One school of thought argues that the fall of the Shang Dynasty from power was due to an internal power struggle that led to its replacement by the Chou dynasty. Do you agree with this interpretation?

QUESTION 3

What were the factors in Meroe that favoured the rise and expansion of the Iron industry in that state in the BC era?

QUESTION 4

What favoured the rise and expansion of Christianity in the Roman Empire?

SECTION B**QUESTION 5**

What led to the successful rise and expansion of Islam from Mecca to North and West Africa?

QUESTION 6

Discuss the conditions under which iron culture expanded in Sub-Equatorial Africa.

QUESTION 7

What were the contributions of the Mongolians to the establishment of the Chinese state between AD 970 and AD 1368?

QUESTION 8

Discuss the economic reasons given to account for the expansion of European nations in the mercantilist era.