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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER JULY, 2005

TITLE OF PAPER : ECONOMIC HISTORY OF WEST AFRICA

COURSE CODE : H302/IDE H302

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 different methods of food production in pre-colonial West Africa.

QUESTION 2

Account for the rise and fall of the ancient empire of Ghana.

QUESTION 3

Examine Afro-European relations in the Niger Delta in the 19th century.

QUESTION 4

Closely examine the development and organization of the palm oil trade in Niger Delta in the 19th century.

SECTION B**QUESTION 5**

In what ways did West African societies respond to the introduction of legitimate trade? How did they benefit from (or how were they exploited by) this trade?

QUESTION 6

Discuss the role played by European commercial activities in West Africa during the 19th century in paving the way of the partition and eventual colonization of the region.

QUESTION 7

Do you subscribe to the view that British and French colonial economic policies in West Africa were meant to benefit the Metropolitan countries?

QUESTION 8

What economic benefits have accrued to West African states since independence.