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TITLE OF PAPER : **HISTORY OF NORTH AFRICA**

COURSE CODE : **H303**

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**

In what ways, if any, has your study of North African history helped you understand better the history of the African continent as a whole?

QUESTION 2

Compare and contrast the impact of the Greek and Roman presence in early North Africa.

QUESTION 3

Explain the relatively easy penetration of North Africa by Islam.

QUESTION 4

Discuss the factors that led to the Ottoman takeover of the Maghreb and Egypt. How did this foreign rule affect the North Africans?

SECTION B**QUESTION 5**

- A. Examine the role of economic considerations in the growth of British and French influence in Egypt during the 19th century.
- B. How do you explain the Egyptian financial crisis of 1879?

QUESTION 6

Critically examine the causes of the *Mahdist* Revolt in the Sudan. Did it achieve anything?

QUESTION 7

Would it be correct to argue the independence in Morocco and Tunisia was given, while that of Algeria was won?

QUESTION 8

How do you explain the Egyptian Free Officers' overthrow of the government in 1952? Would it be valid to assert that their action amounted to a revolution?