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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER JULY, 2006

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

Critically examine the two schools of thought that explain the origin and spread of agriculture and pastoralism in West Africa.

QUESTION 2

Discuss the factors that facilitated the growth and development of Trans-Saharan trade.

QUESTION 3

Account for the growth of Trans-Atlantic slave trade. What measures were used by Britain to abolish this trade.

QUESTION 4

Using examples, show the extent to which Britain depended on trading companies to assert her authority in West African from the 1880s to 1900.

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

What measures were instituted by colonial governments to undermine the self-reliance of pre-colonial West African societies.

QUESTION 6

Explain the influence of historical developments during the Second World War on the decolonization of West Africa.

QUESTION 7

What is the significance, in the 21st century, of studying the history of West Africa.

QUESTION 8

Discuss the obstacles that have hindered West Africa's economic development in the post colonial era.