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TITLE OF PAPER : COMPARATIVE HISTORY OF THE PEASANTRY

COURSE CODE : H 508

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS :

- 1. ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS.**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

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QUESTION ONE

Critically discuss the different definitions of a peasant. Can pre-colonial African producers be called peasants?

QUESTION TWO

Critically analyze the manner in which the processes of industrialization, urbanization, and commercialization have contributed to the transformation of peasant societies in Africa and Latin America..

QUESTION THREE

To what extent did the conservatism of German society hinder dynamism in the evolution of the peasantry compared to the experience of the English peasantry in the mid 19th century?

QUESTION FOUR

To what extent does Ranger classify a peasant with a slave in his article "Reflections on peasant research in Central and Southern Africa"?