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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2008

TITLE OF PAPER: GENDER AND SOCIETY IN AFRICA

COURSE CODE: H523

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER ONLY TWO (2) QUESTIONS IN THIS PAPER.**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

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1. What is the importance of a gender analysis in studying historical processes in Africa? Illustrate your argument by discussing specific cases.
2. Discuss the various changes in the status of women and women's roles in Africa through the pre – colonial, colonial and post – colonial times.
3. Examine the impact of external concepts, methodologies and paradigms in the study of gender in Africa.
4. “In South African gender research, the subject of masculinity has recently become a central focus of research and writing”. In your view, how does this development contribute to the study of gender in Africa?
5. Analyse the relationship between gender activism and the study of gender in Africa.