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TITLE OF PAPER : THEMES IN WORLD HISTORY BEFORE 1800

COURSE CODE : H100

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS :

- 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.**
- 2. ANSWER AT LEAST ONE (1) QUESTION FROM EACH SECTION.**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

Why is Egypt considered one of the countries of the Middle East that are the cradle of world civilisations?

QUESTION 2

Compare and contrast the Shang and Chou dynasty administrations in Chinese history.

QUESTION 3

How do you account for the fall of the economic hegemony of the Meroitic state?

QUESTION 4

Discuss the event in Rome that facilitated the rise of Christianity.

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

Analyze the events in Saudi Arabia that surrounded the rise of the Islamic religion.

QUESTION 6

What factors account for the Bantu migrations?

QUESTION 7

Why is Trans-Saharan trade connected with the growth of education around the city of Timbuktu in West Africa?

QUESTION 8

In what way was the rise and fall of the ancient empire of Mali similar to that of Ghana?