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TITLE OF PAPER : EUROPE SINCE 1789

COURSE CODE : H201

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS :

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

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

Discuss the contention that King Louis XVI could have averted the French Revolution.

QUESTION 2

Discuss the significance of the Age of Enlightenment for the history of Europe.

QUESTION 3

How have historians explained the occurrence of the First Industrial Revolution? Which explanation do you find the most plausible?

QUESTION 4

Critically examine the factors that gave rise to the idea of liberalism in Europe during the 19th century. What were its principal features?

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

Why was the unification of Germany thwarted for so long before 1870? How was the question finally resolved?

QUESTION 6

Why did war break out in Europe in 1914? Would you agree with the view that this was not really a "world war"?

QUESTION 7

Account for the overthrow of the Romanovs in 1917.

QUESTION 8

Examine the rise of either

A. Inter-War Fascism in Italy;

or

B. Nazism in Hitler's Germany.