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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER JULY 2009**

TITLE OF PAPER : ECONOMIC HISTORY OF WEST AFRICA

COURSE CODE : H302/IDE H302

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

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

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SECTION A

Question one

What were the main features of the domestic economy in early pre-colonial West Africa?
[25 marks]

Question two

Discuss the different agricultural methods used by pre-colonial West African societies in the production of food crops. What impact did agricultural production have on these societies?
[25 marks]

Question three

Discuss the development and impact of mineral production among early pre-colonial West African societies.
[25 marks]

Question four

With reference to the trans-Saharan and trans-Atlantic slave trade, critically assess the contribution of external trade to West African economic growth.
[25 marks]

SECTION B

Question five

How did the activities of British traders in the Niger Delta pave the way for the region's colonization by Britain?
[25 marks]

Question six

Assess the role of European trading companies in the colonial economy. [25 marks]

Question seven

With reference to F.I.D.E.S, critically examine French colonial economic planning in West Africa between 1945 and 1960.
[25 marks]

Question eight

Critically assess the performance of the Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in promoting development in member countries.
[25 marks]