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TITLE OF PAPER : HISTORY OF LATIN AMERICA

COURSE CODE : H305

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

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

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SECTION A

QUESTION ONE

"Before the imposition of Spanish colonial rule, Amerindian societies in Latin America were characterized by advanced social, economic and political organization." Discuss this view.

QUESTION TWO

Critically discuss the factors behind the colonization of the Aztec and the Inca empires of Latin America.

QUESTION THREE

"The settlers and colonial officers used a variety of 'land grabbing' methods to usurp land from the Amerindians". Discuss each of the methods used and show clearly how the Amerindians were affected by this exercise.

QUESTION FOUR

Discuss any two (2) sectors of the colonial economy of Latin America. Why was the commercial sector a source of economic discontentment for the Creoles?

SECTION B

QUESTION ONE

"Brazil is the only country in Latin America that made a smooth transition from colonialism to independence." Trace the events that led to such a scenario in Portuguese Brazil.

QUESTION TWO

The process of nation building in post-colonial Spanish America proved to be a very difficult one. Discuss the factors behind such a development.

QUESTION THREE

Account for the transformation of the economies of the new states of Latin America after 1850. Why were some of the social classes still discontented even after the improved economic situation?

QUESTION FOUR

What factors brought about a revolution in Cuba in 1959? Give a critical analysis of its successes and failures by 1970.