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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2009

TITLE OF PAPER: COMPARATIVE HISTORY OF THE PEASANTRY

COURSE CODE: H522

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS

2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

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QUESTION ONE

To what extent does the original definition and use conflict with most recent notions of the concept, 'peasant'?

QUESTION TWO

Discuss the extent to which colonialism in Southern Africa affected views of some scholars about the 'peasant'.

QUESTION THREE

Evaluate Manning Nash's analysis of Indian peasant economies in Central and South America and the degree of control of these economies by Mexican traders.

QUESTION FOUR

Delineate the factors in West African rural history that determined the peasantisation process there in the view of Ken Post.