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SEMESTER I EXAMINATION PAPER
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COURSE NAME : TOPICS IN WORLD HISTORY TO 1500

COURSE CODE : H101

TIME ALLOWED : 2 HRS

**INSTRUCTIONS : 1. CHOOSE AND ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS
2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

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CHOOSE AND ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS:

Each question is worth 25 marks

QUESTION 1

‘Oral traditionalists, archaeologists and linguists play a crucial role in unearthing vital information on events of the past.’ State how each group contributes to the task of unravelling the mystery of the distant past and give one (1) major limitation in the work of each group.

QUESTION 2

Trace the evolution stages of early man. For each stage give his physical characteristics and identify other changes in his lifestyle.

QUESTION 3

Identify the religious, political and economic characteristics of the Old Egyptian Kingdom up to the 1st Intermediate Kingdom. For each case show clearly the attitude of the Egyptians towards the Pharaoh.

QUESTION 4

‘The quest for safety and political stability were the most important factors for the rise of the State of Meroe.’ How far do you agree with this statement?

QUESTION 5

Analyse in comparison the **social** aspects of the Ancient Mayan and Egyptian Civilizations. Which of the two do you think has the most striking religious features?