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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY, 2011

TITLE OF PAPER: HISTORY OF LATIN AMERICA

COURSE CODE: H305

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS:
1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS, TWO QUESTIONS FROM SECTION ONE AND TWO QUESTIONS FROM SECTION TWO
  2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

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**SECTION ONE**

1. Compare and contrast Post- classic (AD 1000- AD 1500s) Aztec and Inca agricultural systems.
2. Discuss the internal and external factors that led to the conquest of either the Aztec (1519- 1521) or the Inca (1529- 1532).
3. How did class and race determine the distribution of political and economic power in any one Latin American colonial society you have studied?
4. Evaluate the long- term and immediate factors that led to decolonization in Mexico (1810-1822).

**SECTION TWO**

5. Compare and contrast the political changes during the era of Caudillismo under Dom Pedro in Brazil (1824- 1850) and Antonio López de Santa Anna in Mexico (1833- 1855).
6. With reference to Peruvian 'Guano Cycle' (1840s to 1860s), discuss the development of international economic relations between Britain and Latin America.
7. Compare and contrast the developments in export oriented industrialization in Brazil and Mexico between 1870 and 1930.
8. Critically analyse the causes of the Mexican Revolution of 1910- 1922 and explain why it was a success.

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**SECTION ONE**

1. Critically analyse the Classic Maya economic system (c. AD 250- 1000).
2. What led to the conquest of Yucatán in 1697?
3. Discuss the ways in which wealth and race shaped the social classes in colonial Mexico and Peru.
4. What were the political and economic factors that contributed towards decolonization in Peru in 1822?

**SECTION TWO**

5. Evaluate Antonio López de Santa Anna's political and economic policies in Mexico in the period between 1833- 1855.
6. How did the Brazilian 'Coffee Cycle' (1840s- 1880s) promote a situation of economic dependency?
7. What facilitated industrial development in Brazil between 1870 and 1930?
8. What were the political and economic causes of the Mexican Revolution (1810- 1922)?

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