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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION, JULY 2013

TITLE OF PAPER: EARLY HISTORY OF EAST AFRICA TO COLONIALISM

COURSE CODE: H416

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS

2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

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1. Why is the *Periplus of the Erthyrean Sea* regarded as a useful document in the reconstruction of pre-colonial East African history?
2. In what ways did the settlement of Arabs on the East African coast shape the social and economic history of the region before the arrival of the Portuguese?
3. Explain why the Arabs on the East African coast lost power to the Portuguese in the 16th century.
4. Explore the political impact of the settlement of Arabs in the interior of East Africa in the 19th century.
5. What was the social and political impact of the slave trade in East Africa in the 19th century?
6. Discuss why Kabaka Mwanga II welcomed Arabs into his kingdom in the 19th century.

END OF EXAMINATION