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**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER JULY, 2014**

**TITLE OF PAPER : ECONOMIC HISTORY OF WEST AFRICA TO 1900**

**COURSE CODE : H315/IDE H315**

**TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS :**

- 1. ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

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**Question 1**

How did the development of Agriculture as part of their domestic economy affect early pre-colonial West African societies? **[25 marks]**

**Question 2**

Discuss the causes for the rise and decline of the Trans-Saharan trade between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries. **[25 marks]**

**Question 3**

Discuss the different strategies employed by the British in their efforts to abolish the slave trade in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. How did the other European countries react to such efforts? **[25 marks]**

**Question 4**

How correct is the view that the British decided to abolish the slave trade because “it had become more profitable to seek in West Africa raw materials and markets rather than slaves”? **[25 marks]**

**Question 5**

Using Sir George Goldie’s Royal Niger Company as an example, explain how the activities of European traders paved the way for the scramble and colonization of West Africa. **[25 marks]**