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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER MAY 2017**

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

**COURSE CODE : H316 / IDE H316**

**DURATION : TWO (2) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER ONLY TWO QUESTIONS**

**: EACH QUESTION CARRIES [25] MARKS**

**: NUMBER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS**

**DO NOT OPEN THIS QUESTION PAPER UNTIL THE INVIGILATOR  
HAS GRANTED PERMISSION**

### **QUESTION ONE**

Using examples show the extent to which the economic theory attempts to explain the colonization of West Africa in the last half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

### **QUESTION TWO**

Considering the major economic objectives for the colonization of West Africa, to what extent did the policy of indirect rule in British West Africa enable Britain to achieve these objectives?

### **QUESTION THREE**

Scholars argue that the transport infrastructure in colonial West Africa did not enhance economic development; neither did it facilitate her active participation in the globalization process. Critically examine the validity of this assertion in post-colonial West Africa.

### **QUESTION FOUR**

Explain how the Great Depression of 1929-1933 affected the economies of countries in British West Africa.

### **QUESTION FIVE**

Critically assess the economic progress of post-colonial West Africa in the period up to the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.