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TITLE OF PAPER : ECONOMIC HISTORY OF WEST AFRICA TO 1900

COURSE CODE : H315/HIS315

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

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

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Question 1

Discuss the circumstances that necessitated a fundamental change in the economic basis of West African societies from one based on nomadism and foraging to one based on sedentary existence and the cultivation of crops and pastoralism. [25 marks]

Question 2

Analyze the reasons for the development of trade in early pre-colonial West Africa. What features can be used to distinguish local trade from long distance trade? [25 marks]

Question 3

Critically examine the different strategies employed by the British in their efforts to abolish the slave trade in the 19th century. How did the other European countries react to such efforts?

[25 marks]

Question 4

Using specific examples, explain how the activities of British traders in the Niger Delta paved the way for the region's colonization by Britain between 1880 and 1900. [25 marks]

Question 5

It was European interests and not West African needs that determined changes in the economic relations between the two regions. How valid is this assessment of West Africa's economic links with Europe before 1900? [25 marks]