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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

RESIT/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER JANUARY 2020

TITLE OF PAPER : ECONOMIC HISTORY OF WEST AFRICA TO 1900

COURSE CODE : IDEH315/HIS315

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : 1. ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS

2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

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BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR**

Question 1

Give a critical examination of the forces that influenced the transition from foraging to sedentary existence among societies in early pre-colonial West Africa. **[25 marks]**

Question 2

Discuss the different agricultural methods used by pre-colonial West African societies in the production of food crops. What impact did agricultural production have on these societies?
[25 marks]

Question 3

Examine the different arguments used by economic historians to account for the origin and development of a distributive system in early pre-colonial West Africa. **[25 marks]**

Question 4

Critically analyze the factors that were responsible for the origins and growth of the trans-atlantic slave trade towards the end of the 15th century **[25 marks]**

Question 5

Discuss the reasons that were responsible for the development and growth of legitimate commerce during the second half of the nineteenth century. **[25 marks]**