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Title of Course: Comparative History of Revolutions
Course Code: HIS607
Time Allowed: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer any THREE (3) Questions
2. Write a question down in full, and as given (i.e. do not paraphrase), and, then, proceed to answer it.

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1. Describe a phenomenon to which E. J. Hobsbawm uses the phrase 'dialectical dance' in his *The Age of Revolution*, (p. 83).
2. Britain's industrial revolution did not experience significant opposition but the French revolution did. In your view, why was this so?
3. Why is the 1871 Paris Commune so important in revolutionary theory and practice?
4. Discuss ways in which Mao Tse-tung 'altered Marxism to suit conditions' of his society in the revolution of China.
5. What is your assessment of the potential for socialist revolution in Africa?
6. Struggles for liberation in Angola, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and South Africa appeared to hold promise for socialist revolution. In your view, why did socialist revolutions fail to materialise in these countries?