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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION PAPER, JUNE 2020

TITLE OF PAPER : GENDER AND SOCIETY IN AFRICA

COURSE CODE : HIS638

DURATION : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER ONLY THREE QUESTIONS
: ALL QUESTIONS CARRY [25] MARKS
: NUMBER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS AND WRITE
DOWN THE ACTUAL QUESTION YOU ARE
ANSWERING

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

QUESTION ONE

With reference to any four scholars of your choice, explain the epistemological effects of using "masculinity" in our study of gender and society in Africa. **[25 Marks]**

QUESTION TWO

Critically examine Jeff Guy's features of women's oppression which were common in all pre-colonial societies in Southern Africa. **[25 Marks]**

QUESTION THREE

According to R. Morrell, colonialism undermined the position of women by introducing a system which carried inflexible gender ideologies that supported the exclusion of women from the power hierarchy. With reference to E. L. Osborn's book, *Our new husbands are here...* assess the validity of this assertion. **[25 Marks]**

QUESTION FOUR

According to Jacklyn Cock, the incorporation of women into the colonial system through education and conversion to Christianity did not attain them freedom from marginalization. Assess the validity of Cock's assertion. **[25 Marks]**

QUESTION FIVE

Examine Shireen Hassim's contribution to the study of gender in Southern Africa. **[25 Marks]**

QUESTION FIVE

Discuss various ways attempted by women in colonial Africa to move away from oppressive cultures. How has African societies reacted to women who attempted to free themselves from oppression? **[25 Marks]**

QUESTION SIX

Critically analyze the effects of the migrant labour system on Southern African women who took part in it. **[25 Marks]**