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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, FEBRUARY 2020

**TITLE OF PAPER: ECONOMY AND SOCIETY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA TO THE
SOUTH AFRICAN WAR**

COURSE CODE: HIS411/IDEH411

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS
2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

**DO NOT OPEN QUESTION PAPER UNTIL PERMISSION HAS BEEN GIVEN BY
THE INVIGILATOR**

1. Discuss how land and cattle were used to mobilise the labour of women and children in pre-capitalist Southern African societies. (25 marks)
2. "... it would be much cheaper to have agricultural work, seal catching and all other necessary work done by slaves ...", Jan Van Riebeeck as cited in Muller, A. L. "The impact of slavery on the economic development of South Africa." *Kronos*. Vol. 5. (1998), p. 1.

In light of this verdict, discuss the contribution of slave labour towards the development of the economy in the Cape Colony between 1458 and 1834. (25 marks)

3. Drawing insights from other scholars, evaluate J. D. Omer-Cooper's (1966) explanation of the causes of the Mfecane. (25 marks)
4. Discuss the factors that led to the centralisation of capital in the diamond mining industry in South Africa between 1867 and 1902. (25 marks)
5. Critically analyse the long term and short term causes of the South African War (1899-1902). (25 marks)