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TITLE OF PAPER : ECONOMIC HISTORY OF WEST AFRICA TO 1900

COURSE CODE : H315/IDE H315

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS :

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

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BY THE INVIGILATOR.**

Question 1

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?

Question 2

Discuss the reasons that were responsible for the development of trade in early pre-colonial West Africa. What features can be used to distinguish local trade from long distance trade?

[25marks]

Question 3

Discuss the major factors that were responsible for the growth of the Trans-Saharan trade.

[25 marks]

Question 4

Discuss the methods used by the British to abolish the slave trade. In your answer, be sure to include the reaction of traders from other European countries to the British campaign to end the trade.

[25 marks]

Question 5

Using specific examples, explain how the activities of British traders in the Niger Delta paved the way for the region's colonization by Britain

[25 marks]