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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION, PAPER JULY 2012**

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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Question 1

Give a critical assessment of the theories that have been raised by scholars to account for the origins of agriculture in early pre-colonial West Africa. [25 marks]

Question 2

Discuss the reasons that were responsible for the growth of Trans-Atlantic commerce that involved the sale of West African slaves to the Americas. [25 marks]

Question 3

With reference to the Trans-Saharan and Trans-Atlantic slave trades, critically assess the contribution of external trade to the economy of pre-colonial West African societies. [25 marks]

Question 4

It was European economic interests and not West African needs that determined changes in economic relations between the two regions. How valid is this assessment of West Africa's economic links with Europe before 1900? [25 marks]

Question 5

Discuss the development and organization of legitimate in late 19th century West Africa.