

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER MAY 2012**

**TITLE OF PAPER : ECONOMIC HISTORY OF WEST
AFRICA SINCE 1900**

COURSE CODE : H316/IDE H316

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS :

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

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Question one

Discuss the economic and political reasons that led to scramble and eventual colonization of West Africa by Europeans at the end of the 19th century. [25 marks]

Question two

With reference to colonial land policy, explain the absence of large scale European owned farms in colonial West Africa? [25 marks]

Question three

With reference to the marketing system of cocoa in colonial Ghana and Nigeria, examine and explain the cocoa hold ups of the 1930s. [25 marks]

Question four

Give a critical assessment of colonial economic planning in West Africa between 1900 and 1939. [25 marks]

Question five

Discuss the successes and failures of the economic policies implemented by West African governments since independence. [25 marks]