

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER JULY 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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GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR**

Question 1

Discuss the main objectives of the economic policies implemented by the British and French in their West African colonies between 1900 and 1939. [25 marks]

Question two

Would you agree with the view that the transportation network in colonial West Africa was designed not to promote regional economic integration but to facilitate the speedy transfer of raw materials from the interior to the coast? [25 marks]

Question three

Assess the role of European trading companies in the colonial economy. [25 marks]

Question four

With reference to the Colonial development and Welfare fund and F.I.D.E.S, critically examine British French colonial economic planning in West Africa between 1945 and 1960. [25 marks]

Question five

Discuss the efforts of independent West African states towards regional economic integration in the 1970s and early 1980s. [25 marks]