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END OF YEAR EXAMINATION PAPER  
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**COURSE NAME : TOPICS IN WORLD HISTORY TO 1500**

**COURSE CODE : H101**

**TIME ALLOWED : 2 HRS**

**INSTRUCTIONS : 1. CHOOSE AND ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS**  
**2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**  
**3. INDICATE YOUR PROGRAMME ON THE OUTER  
COVER OF THE ANSWER BOOKLET.**

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**CHOOSE AND ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS:**

Each question is worth 25 marks

**QUESTION 1**

Describe the evolution process of early man from the stage of Australopithecine to Homo Sapien Sapien using 3 of his physical features and 3 of his social developments.

**QUESTION 2**

**Either**

- (a) Show how religion and the importance of the Pharaoh formed the foundation of the economic, social and political lives of the Egyptians.

**Or**

- (b) What factors led to the destruction of the *Ma'at* during the reign of Pharaoh Pepi II? State any 3 (three) changes introduced by the new Pharaoh Amenemhet I as a way of reviving Egypt.

**QUESTION 3**

Discuss the political and economic 'push' and 'pull' factors that led to the rise of the State of Meroe. Show how each factor was either a push or a pull factor.

**QUESTION 4**

Discuss the similarities and differences in the religious, educational and health aspects of the ancient Aztec and Egyptian civilizations.

**QUESTION 5**

Describe the different aspects of the Chinese Civilizations during the Shang and Zhou dynasties.