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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 1

Explain the economic, political and religious reasons that were responsible for European colonization of West Africa at the turn of the twentieth century. Why should the economic reasons be given primary importance over the others? [25 marks]

Question 2

Why did European settler planters whose activities in the twentieth century tended to dominate the Economic history of other regions fail to penetrate West Africa to any great extent? [25 marks]

Question 3

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 4

Do you agree with Michael Crowder that the economic policies implemented in colonial West Africa between 1900 and 1939 were meant to benefit the metropolitan powers? [25 marks]

Question 5

With reference to either the Colonial Development and Welfare Fund (CD&W) or Fonds d'Investissement pour le Developpement Economique et Social (F.I.D.E.S.) critically examine British or French colonial economic planning in West Africa between 1945 and 1960. [25 marks]