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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, DECEMBER 2012

TITLE OF PAPER: ECONOMIC HISTORY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA TO THE SOUTH  
AFRICAN WAR

COURSE CODE: H411

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS.  
2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

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1. To what extent did gender and age determine the role of women, men and children in agriculture in pre-capitalist societies in Southern Africa?
2. Evaluate J.D. Omer-Cooper's and Julian Cobbing's explanations of the causes of Mfecane.
3. Discuss the ways in which slavery contributed to the development of the South African economy between 1658 and 1833.
4. Discuss the role of the state and mining companies in the development of the diamond mining industry in South Africa up to 1900.
5. Analyse the long term and immediate causes of the South African war (1899- 1902).

END OF QUESTION PAPER.