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FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2012

TITLE OF PAPER: EARLY HISTORY OF EAST AFRICA TO COLONIALISM

COURSE CODE: H416

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

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PERMISSION**

1. Explore the merits and demerits of written documents as a source for reconstructing East African history.
2. In what ways did environment shape the social and political history of pre-colonial East Africa?
3. Explain why and how the Portuguese defeated Arabs on the East African coast in the 16th century.
4. What factors contributed toward the restoration of Arab power in East Africa in the 18th century?
5. How did Ngoni incursions facilitate European colonisation of East Africa?
6. Discuss why the Maji Maji rebellion failed.

END OF EXAMINATION