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FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION PAPER, DECEMBER 2012

TITLE OF PAPER: COMPARATIVE HISTORY OF REVOLUTIONS

COURSE CODE: H615

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS IN ALL. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

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1. With reference to the Maghreb, critically examine the notion of 'leaderless' revolution and the 'youthquake' in the third millennium. What were the similarities and dissimilarities between the Tunisian and Egyptian Revolutions?
2. Compare and contrast the ideological basis of the American Revolution that led to the declaration of American independence and the French Revolution that led to the overthrow of the Louis XVI?
3. What important parallels can be drawn between the 1789 French Revolution and the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution?
4. To what extent did Marxism-Leninism impact on the domestic and international dimension of the Cuban Revolution under Fidel Castrol?
5. The American Revolution and the foreign policy of the new nation was totally different from the Bolshevik revolution and its foreign ambitions. How far do you agree?