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TITLE OF PAPER : ECONOMIC HISTORY OF WEST AFRICA TO 1900

COURSE CODE : H315/IDE H315

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS :**
- 1. ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS**
 - 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

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Question 1

How did the development of Agriculture as part of their domestic economy affect early pre-colonial West African societies? **[25 marks]**

Question 2

Discuss the causes for the rise and decline of the Trans-Saharan trade between the 4th and 16th centuries. **[25 marks]**

Question 3

Discuss the different strategies employed by the British in their efforts to abolish the slave trade in the 19th century. How did the other European countries react to such efforts? **[25 marks]**

Question 4

How correct is the view that the British decided to abolish the slave trade because “it had become more profitable to seek in West Africa raw materials and markets rather than slaves”? **[25 marks]**

Question 5

Using Sir George Goldie’s Royal Niger Company as an example, explain how the activities of European traders paved the way for the scramble and colonization of West Africa. **[25 marks]**