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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, APRIL/MAY, 2014

TITLE OF PAPER: THEMES IN THE HISTORY OF NINETEENTH CENTURY  
LATIN AMERICA

COURSE CODE: H322/ IDE H322

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

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

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Choose and write on any one of the following:

1. Evaluate any four scholars' views on the long- term factors that led to decolonization in Peru.
2. EITHER (a) How do any four scholars present the strengths and weaknesses of Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna's political caudillismo in Mexico (1833- 1855).

OR

- (b) To what extent were internal factors responsible for successive cabinet changes in Brazil during the time of Dom Pedro II (1831- 1850)?
3. "Thomas Skidmore has argued that the economic stagnation of Latin American states was due to the destruction caused by wars of independence." (Simelane, 2000). Discuss the validity of this statement with reference to the decline of the Latin American economy up to 1850. Support you response with four scholars' views.
4. "A period of rapid economic development". To what extent is this verdict an appropriate characterization of Argentina's economic performance between 1880 and 1900?
5. "The best application of positivism was seen in Mexico, under the leadership of Porfirio Diaz." In what ways is this assertion a valid explanation of Porfirio Diaz's ability to facilitate Mexico's economic development based on large- scale foreign investment?

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