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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, NOVEMBER 2013

TITLE OF PAPER: ECONOMY AND SOCIETY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR

COURSE CODE: H411/ IDE H411

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

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

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1. Discuss the ways in which any four scholars have used 'gender' in their analysis of economic relations among women, men and children in pre-capitalist societies in Southern Africa.
2. "it would be very much cheaper to have agricultural work, seal catching and all other necessary work done by slaves..." (Jan Van Riebeeck as cited in Müller, A.L. "The impact of slavery on the economic development of South Africa". *Kronos*. Vol. 5. (1998), p. 1.) In the light of this verdict, discuss the contribution of slave labour towards the development of the economy in the Cape colony between 1658 and 1834?
3. **EITHER** (a) Discuss the factors that led to the centralization of capital in the diamond mining industry in South Africa between 1867 and 1902.

**OR**

- (b) "Boom and slump". Is this an appropriate description of the development of the gold mining industry in South Africa between 1886 and 1902?
4. Drawing examples from three countries, give a critical analysis of the role and impact of railways in Southern Africa up to 1902?
5. Evaluate any five scholars' views on the causes of the South African War (1899- 1902).

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