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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, DECEMBER, 2015

TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF COLONIAL LATIN
AMERICA

COURSE CODE: H321/ IDE H321

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

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

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1. EITHER (a) To what extent did race determine the social hierarchy in **either** colonial Spanish Latin America **or** colonial Brazil?

OR

(b) "External economic factors were paramount". Discuss the validity of this statement with reference to the evolution of the colonial administrative structure in Spanish Latin America between 1535 and 1790.

2. EITHER (a) Discuss the processes of land acquisition in colonial Spanish Latin America.

OR

(b) Account for the successes and failures of the encomienda and repartimiento systems of labour mobilization in New Spain.

3. Discuss similarities and differences in the ways any two scholars present African slavery in colonial Brazil.
4. EITHER (a) "For the benefit of Spain". To what extent is this observation an appropriate description of the mining economy in New Spain (Mexico)?

OR

(b) "A dependent economy". Discuss with reference to the sugar cycle and the gold cycle in colonial Brazil.

5. Compare and contrast the commercial systems in colonial Spanish Latin America and colonial Brazil.

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