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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER MAY 2017

TITLE OF PAPER : ECONOMIC HISTORY OF WEST AFRICA SINCE 1900

COURSE CODE : H316 / IDE H316

DURATION : TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER ONLY TWO QUESTIONS

: EACH QUESTION CARRIES [25] MARKS

: NUMBER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS

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HAS GRANTED PERMISSION**

QUESTION ONE

Using examples show the extent to which the economic theory attempts to explain the colonization of West Africa in the last half of the 19th century.

QUESTION TWO

Considering the major economic objectives for the colonization of West Africa, to what extent did the policy of indirect rule in British West Africa enable Britain to achieve these objectives?

QUESTION THREE

Scholars argue that the transport infrastructure in colonial West Africa did not enhance economic development; neither did it facilitate her active participation in the globalization process. Critically examine the validity of this assertion in post-colonial West Africa.

QUESTION FOUR

Explain how the Great Depression of 1929-1933 affected the economies of countries in British West Africa.

QUESTION FIVE

Critically assess the economic progress of post-colonial West Africa in the period up to the end of the 20th century.