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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER JULY 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

**DO NOT OPEN THIS QUESTION PAPER UNTIL THE INVIGILATOR
HAS GRANTED PERMISSION**

QUESTION ONE

Do you subscribe to the view that the colonization of West Africa was a civilizing mission to the colonized, bringing them essential services such as western education and western biomedicine? Support your position with strong scholarly evidence.

QUESTION TWO

According to Claude Ake, the railway systems of colonial Africa did not constitute a coherent system of communication. Neither did they contribute to the building of a coherent economy. Using examples in both French and British West Africa in the colonial period, critically examine the validity of this assertion.

QUESTION THREE

Discuss the integration of West Africa into the capitalist economy in the colonial period.

QUESTION FOUR

Explain how World War II affected economies of most countries in West Africa. What was the contribution of this war towards the decolonization of this region?

QUESTION FIVE

Briefly discuss the theory of economic integration. With reference to ECOWA in the period from 1975 to the end of the 20th century, examine the benefits and limitations of economic integration.