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**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY/RESIT EXAMINATION PAPER JULY, 2018**

**TITLE OF PAPER : ECONOMIC HISTORY OF WEST AFRICA SINCE 1900**

**COURSE CODE : HIS 316/IDE H316**

**TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS**

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

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**Question 1**

How do you characterize the colonial economic policy in either British or French West Africa in the period before 1945? **[25 marks]**

**Question 2**

Describe the reaction of West African peasants and middle men to the introduction of new methods for buying cocoa in the British colony of the Gold Coast in the late 1930s. What steps were taken by the colonial government to try and resolve the impasse between the cocoa producers and the European buyers in West Africa? **[25 marks]**

**Question 3**

With reference to the Colonial Development and Welfare Act, describe British economic planning in their West African colonies between 1945 and 1960. **[25 marks]**

**Question 4**

What measures were adopted by the independent West African governments to improve the economies of their countries after 1960? **[25 marks]**

**Question 5**

Discuss the major obstacles towards economic development in West Africa after 1960. **[25 marks]**