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TITLE OF PAPER : ECONOMIC HISTORY OF WEST AFRICA SINCE 1900

COURSE CODE : H423/IDE H423

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

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

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Question 1

The 1920s in the USA is generally referred to as a decade of unprecedented economic growth that was characterized by increased levels of production and consumption of the country's domestic products. Respond to the above statement using the major factors that were responsible for the remarkable economic growth experienced by the USA during the 1920s.

[25 marks]

Question 2

Why did the USA suddenly find itself in a serious economic crisis in the 1930s after a decade of seemingly unprecedented economic prosperity?

[25 marks]

Question 3

Discuss the 3 main objectives of the New Deal. What key agencies were created by the Roosevelt Administration to achieve these objectives?

[25 marks]

Question 4

Describe American attitudes in the years leading to the outbreak of the Second World War.

[25 marks]

Question 5

How correct is the view that both the United States and the Soviet Union were responsible for the tension that characterized relations between the two countries between 1945 and 1990?

[25 marks]