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HIS124/ HIS124E

DEGREE EXAMINATIONS

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Time : 3 Hours

Subject : HIS124/E

Paper : Contemporary Themes in the Global and African Past

Marks : 100

INSTRUCTIONS: Students must answer THREE (3) Questions from this Paper

This paper consists of three (3) pages including the cover page

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Answer three (3) questions from this paper

1. Explain how the 'hunter-gatherers and fishermen' of the Later Stone Age survived the unfavourable socio-economic conditions of their time. (33½)
2. Analyse the development and spread of farming and pastoralism including the origins of farming in Egypt, Nubia and the Nile Valley. (33½)
3. Give a critical account of the wars that were fought by amaXhosa and the colonists in the Eastern Cape between 1779 and 1879. (33½)
4. Why and how did the Government reduce the authority of the chiefs after the War of .Ngcayechibi? And what were the responsibilities of a typical 'location headman'? (33½)
5. Explain why most of Africa was only colonised in the late 19th century. Why did it take European states less than a quarter of a century to bring almost the entire continent under colonial control at this time? (33½)
6. Outline the main forms of European colonialism in different regions of sub-Saharan Africa. (33½)
7. The Second World War is regarded as the significant event that gave impetus to the decolonization of Africa. Do agree? Discuss with reference to the decolonization movement in Ghana (The Gold Coast). (33½)
8. Why has the global HIV/AIDS epidemic affected sub-Saharan Africa much stronger than any other region of the world? Explain with reference to the origin of the virus and the historical conditions under which it spread through the continent. (33½)
9. Write an explanatory essay on the events in Russia after 1905 that led to the First Russian Revolution in February 1917, and the Bolsheviks eventually seizing power in October 1917. (33½)
10. Explain the emergence of a fascist dictatorship in Germany in the 1930s, and discuss the subsequent developments that ultimately resulted in the Holocaust. (33½)
11. Outline the developments leading to the genocide in Rwanda in 1994, and explain how its planners managed to convince a large part of the population to actively take part in it. (33½)
12. Discuss the key events which followed from the rise of the Ottoman Empire and subsequent Fall of Constantinople in 1453, that led to the creation of a 50 000 strong Dutch colony in Southern Africa at the beginning of the nineteenth century. (33½)
13. Examine the relationship between the British Empire and Southern Africa from the period between 1795 and 1865.(33½)

14. Discuss the events referred to as the "Mfecane" that were taking place in South Eastern Africa at the beginning of the nineteenth century, and how this led to creation of states that penetrated deep into the interior.(33½)

15. Why have the discovery of diamonds and gold in Southern Africa during the latter half of the nineteenth century been referred to as a mineral revolution. In what ways did this constitute a revolution?(33½)

16. Critically discuss how and why the west coast of Sub-Saharan Africa became the largest supplier of human labour to the plantation colonies in the Americas between the sixteenth and nineteenth centuries.(33½)