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Time : 3hours
Subject : HIS503/503E
Paper :A theme from South African History -The Eastern Cape
Marks : 100

Instructions: Students must answer THREE (3) Questions.

This paper consists of TWO (2) pages including the cover page

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Instructions

Answer only THREE (3) Questions from this paper

1. Outline the causes, nature and consequences of the eight Frontier Wars in the Eastern Cape between 1779 and 1853 and identify major trends and turning points. (33⅓)

2. Identify and outline the major steps in the interpretation and historiography of the Xhosa cattle-killing and discuss some of the most important areas of contention and debate. (33⅓)

3. Identify whom you regard as the most influential African intellectuals in the Eastern Cape during the 19th and early 20th century. Justify your choice by discussing their lives, work and historical influences. (33⅓)

4. To what extent were both Xhosa traditional beliefs and practices compatibleand incompatible with the 'European' missionary's Christian religion? (33⅓)

5. (a) "Joseph Williams was a pioneer worthy of immeasurable credit for his missionary endeavours" Do you agree? (33⅓)

OR

(b)Discuss the socio-political significance of the missionary activities of Rev James Read (senior)in the South East Cape. (33⅓)

6. Evaluate the activities of Reverend William Boyce in the context of South African History (33⅓)

7. "The father of the nation." Xhosa traditional leaders were certainly paternalistic. But were they more autocratic or more democratic? Give reasons for your answer. (33⅓)

8. "The rise and fall of the South African peasantry." How did African farmers in the Eastern Cape respond to the introduction of capitalism and the cash economy, and with what results? (33⅓)

9. In what way was Reverend John Ross a 'Gospel teacher *cum* rennaissance agent" in amaXhosaland? (33⅓)

10. Analyse the role of the missionaries as a link between the colonial authorities and the African communities of the Eastern Cape during the 19th century. (33⅓)