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HIS124/ HIS124E

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019

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 two (2) pages including the cover page

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Answer three (3) questions from this paper

1. Evaluate the activities and the lifestyle of the 'hunter-gatherers and fishermen' of the Later Stone Age. (33½)
2. Why did amaXhosa and the colonists fight a total of nine wars between 1779 and 1878? And why are these wars called Wars of Resistance to Colonial Intrusion? (33½)
3. Why were the late 19th century chiefs superseded by the headmen? And what were the duties of the location headmen? (33½)
4. Why was most of Africa only colonised in the late 19th century? How do you explain that by then, Europeans could bring almost the entire continent under colonial control in just about two decades? (33½)
5. Outline the main forms of European colonialism in different regions of Africa. (33½)
6. Outline and discuss the factors that led to the decolonization of Ghana (The Gold Coast) in 1957. (33½)
7. Explain the origin of the HIV virus, and outline the historical conditions under which it spread through sub-Saharan Africa. (33½)
8. Explain and critically discuss the historical causes and the significant characteristics of the Russian Revolution in 1917. (33½)
9. How do you explain the rise of a fascist dictatorship in Germany in the 1930s? Analyse the subsequent developments that lead to the Holocaust. (33½)
10. Trace the developments leading to the genocide in Rwanda in 1994. How could its planners convince a large part of the population to actively take part in it? (33½)
11. Compare and contrast the Dutch Cape Colony (1652 – 1795) to that of the British Cape Colony (1815 – 1865). (33½)
12. Discuss the controversies surrounding the term "Mfecane", its causes and the way in which it has been written about in South African history. (33½)
13. Evaluate the impact that the discoveries of diamonds and gold have had on the region of Southern Africa during the latter half of the nineteenth century. (33½)
14. Discuss the essential causes and characteristics of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. (33½)