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HIS323/HIS323E**

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INSTRUCTIONS

Students must answer TWO (2) Questions from this Paper

1. The period between the last two Frontier Wars, Mlanjeni's War (1850 – 1853) and Ngcayechibi's War (1877–1879), is notorious for marking the end of Xhosa independence. However, when viewed as one long war of attrition, the Nine Frontier Wars between 1779 and 1879 represent the longest military resistance against colonial conquest in Africa. Outline the key events of the first seven Frontier Wars while highlighting the evolving relations between Europeans and the amaXhosa. (50)
2. Explain how 'the story of Tshawe', as portrayed in Jeffrey Brian Peires' *A History of the Xhosa c700-1835*, brings to light the history of the founding of the Xhosa polity, and describe debates about its shortcomings. (50)
3. Discuss the origins of the Ninth Frontier War, and how this war led to the end of the independence of the Xhosa. (50)
4. What does it mean to be 'precolonial'? Is it accurate to describe the Zuurveld amaXhosa of the 18th century as 'precolonial'? Critically discuss using examples. (50)
5. Discuss the rise of Ndlambe in western Xhosaland and his significance in resisting colonial expansion. (50)
6. What were the main causes for conflict in the Zuurveld? Why were the amaXhosa determined to retain this territory? Critically discuss. (50)
7. Outline and discuss Clifton Crais' argument linking the historical origin of poverty in the Eastern Cape to the violence of the colonial encounter and concomitant agricultural and environmental changes. (50)
8. Critically discuss important historiographical interpretations of, and debates around, the 'Xhosa cattle-killing' episode. (50)