

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES & EDUCATION HHS421: ECONOMIC HISTORY OF AFRICA: 1800 To the Present

END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 7 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer One (1) question only.

Attempt **ALL** sections of the question.

Credit will be awarded for logical AND systematic presentations.

Question 1

- (a) Examine the economic arguments raised by the Abolitionists during campaigns against the slave trade. (10 marks)
- (b) With use of examples, assess the economic impact of the slave trade in Africa.

(20 marks)

(c) How were some communities in West Africa affected by the transition from slave trade to legitimate trade? (70 marks)

Question 2

(a) Discuss the economic theory of imperialism.

(10 marks)

- (b) Assess the economic impact of **any three** of the following European colonial measures on the African people. Support your answers with examples and relevant illustrations.
 - (i) Forced rubber collection in the Belgian Congo.
 - (ii) Forced cotton cultivation in Mozambique or Ivory Coast.
 - (iii) Taxation and forced labour in colonial Rhodesia.
 - (iv) The 1913 Land Act in South Africa.

(20 Marks)

(c) With reference to any **one** African country of your choice, react to the assertion that from an economic point of view colonial rule was a blessing for Africa. (70 marks)

Question 3

"Seek ye first the political kingdom and everything else would be added unto thee" (Kwame Nkrumah: 1957).

- (a) Using the quotation as a basis, discuss Kwame Nkrumah's economic and political vision of independent Africa. (10 marks)
- (b) Why is the 1970s and 80s often referred to as the 'lost decades of Africa's Development'? (20 marks)
- (c) Compare and contrast the economic effects of the models of development advanced by Julius Nyerere of Tanzania and Felix Houphouet Boigny of Ivory Coast after independence. (70 marks)

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