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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY, 2008**

**TITLE OF PAPER: THEMES IN WORLD HISTORY TO 1800**

**COURSE CODE: H100**

**TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS**

**2. ANSWER AT LEAST ONE QUESTION FROM EACH  
SECTION**

**3. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

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## **SECTION A**

### **QUESTION ONE**

Discuss the relationship that history has with either archaeology or linguistics.

### **QUESTION TWO**

In what way did early Egyptian civilization have an influence on other later civilizations?

### **QUESTION THREE**

Discuss the Cretan influence in the Mediterranean and Aegean worlds that sparked Greek and Roman expansion to the Magrib of Africa.

### **QUESTION FOUR**

Discuss the geographical and economic factors that facilitated the rise of the state of Meroe in the Nile Valley.

## **SECTION B**

### **QUESTION FIVE**

What were the causes of the rise of Islam in Saudi Arabia around AD 600?

### **QUESTION SIX**

To what extent did the emergence of iron smiths serve as a factor in the migrations of Bantu-speaking people from the Sudan Belt southwards?

### **QUESTION SEVEN**

What were the academic and political influences of Trans-Saharan trade on some states in West Africa?

### **QUESTION EIGHT**

Discuss the factors that were responsible both for the rise and decline of the state of Mali.