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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2008

TITLE OF PAPER	:	HISTORIOGRAPHY AND RESEARCH METHODS
COURSE NUMBER	:	H300
TIME ALLOWED	:	THREE (3) HOURS
INSTRUCTIONS	:	1. ANSWER <u>FOUR</u> QUESTIONS CHOOSING <u>AT LEAST ONE</u> (1) FROM EACH SECTION.

2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

What do professional historians do? How and why do they do it? Do you find Arthur Marwick's definition of history helpful?

QUESTION 2

Why is it important for historians to distinguish clearly between causation and effect in their work?

QUESTION 3

Why was African history so underdeveloped until the 1960s?

QUESTION 4

Write short critical accounts of the following:

- a) the Ibadan School of African History
- b) the Dar es Salaam School of African History

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

Which elements would you consider in constructing a historical research proposal?

QUESTION 6

What are the main differences between qualitative and quantitative research methodologies?

QUESTION 7

Analyse the value of archival research.

QUESTION 8

What are the advantages and disadvantages of interviews in an historical inquiry?