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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER JULY 2008**

**TITLE OF PAPER : ECONOMIC HISTORY OF WEST
AFRICA**

COURSE CODE : H302/IDE H302

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS :**
- 1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS
CHOOSING AT LEAST ONE FROM EACH
SECTION**
 - 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

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GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.**

SECTION A

Question one

Discuss the different agricultural methods used by pre-colonial West African societies in the production of food crops. What impact did food production have on these societies?

Question two

Discuss the reasons that were responsible for the growth of exchange relations in pre-colonial West Africa. How correct is the view that short distance trade formed the backbone for long distance trade?

Question three

What factors were responsible for the origins and growth of the trans-Saharan trade?

Question 4

Examine the development of vegetable oil trade in pre-colonial West Africa.

SECTION B

Question five

Critically analyze the various measures used by colonial governments in West Africa to create labour.

Question six

How do you characterize the colonial economic policy in either British or French West Africa in the period before 1945?

Question seven

Analyze the different strategies adopted by West African states to achieve economic and social development after independence.

Question eight

Assess the performance of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in promoting development among member states.