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TITLE OF PAPER: HISTORY OF LATIN AMERICA

COURSE CODE : H305

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS :

- 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS IN ALL.**
- 2. ANSWER AT LEAST ONE QUESTION FROM EACH SECTION.**
- 3. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

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SECTION A

QUESTION ONE

Show how pre-colonial Amerindian societies were advanced by discussing their social, economic and political organization.

QUESTION TWO

Describe the conquest of the Aztecs and the Inca, in each case demonstrate how internal and external factors contributed to their downfall.

QUESTION THREE

Using examples from both Portuguese Brazil and Spanish Latin America show how the Iberian colonial administration was a trial and error affair.

QUESTION FOUR

Critically discuss the emergence of a colonial society in Spanish America and show how class and race influenced the distribution of economic and political power.

SECTION B

QUESTION ONE

Analyse the crucial factors that were behind the decolonization of Spanish America.

QUESTION TWO

The process of the nation building in post-colonial Spanish America proved to be a very difficult one. State the factors behind this development.

QUESTION THREE

Critically discuss the factors that gave rise to Caudillo rule in post-colonial Latin America.

QUESTION FOUR

Account for the Cuban Revolution of 1959 and give a critical analysis of its successes.