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TITLE OF PAPER:

COMPARATIVE HISTORY OF SLAVERY:

ANCIENT AND NEW WORLD SLAVERY

COURSE NUMBER:

H 518

TIME ALLOWED:

TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS.

2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

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QUESTION 1

Assess Orlando Patterson's contribution to our understanding of slavery as a world-wide institution. Why is it not possible to arrive at a universally accepted definition of slavery?

QUESTION 2

Compare and contrast the economic aspects of slavery in classical Greece and Rome.

SECTION B

QUESTION 3

What were the principal features of New World Slavery? How did it differ from earlier forms of slavery?

QUESTION 4

George M. Fredrickson's White Supremacy: A Comparative Study in American and South African History was described by the publisher as an important study of race relations. To what extent does it increase our understanding of the origins of racial slavery in both regions?