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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER MAY, 2010

TITLE OF PAPER : TOPICS IN WORLD HISTORY

COURSE CODE : IDE-H100

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS. NOT MORE THAN
THREE QUESTIONS MAY BE ANSWERED FROM
ONE SECTION.**

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

Discuss the difficulties that the ancestors of early human beings encountered in their environment before the Neolithic revolution.

QUESTION 2

What evidence exists to show that Africa and not any other part of the world was the possible cradle of human-kind?

QUESTION 3

Discuss the scientific contribution of Sumerians to Mesopotamian civilisation.

QUESTION 4

What factors led to the rise of the state of Meroe?

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

Discuss the significance of the three kingdoms in Chinese history between AD 221 and 265.

QUESTION 6

Explain the rise and spread of the Iron age culture in Sub Saharan Africa.

QUESTION 7

Analyse the impact of early Portuguese contact with the West African coast.

QUESTION 8

Account for the rise and fall of the ancient Ghana kingdom.