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**SEMESTER I EXAMINATION PAPER, DECEMBER, 2009**

**TITLE OF PAPER : TOPICS IN WOLRD HISTORY TO 1500**

**COURSE CODE : H101**

**TIME ALLOWED : 1HR 45 MIN**

**INSTRUCTIONS : 1. ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS  
2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

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**CHOOSE AND ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS:**

**Each question is worth 25 marks**

**QUESTION 1**

What role is played by Archaeologists, Anthropologists and Linguists in unravelling the mystery of the distant past? Discuss any two limitations encountered by Historians in their effort to write history.

**QUESTION 2**

Trace the different stages of early man's evolution: Then using examples from the Neolithic Civilisation show how man gradually moved away from fully depending on the environment for his survival.

**QUESTION 3**

Discuss the importance of the Pharaoh in the lives of the Egyptians up to the intermediate period. What changes occurred in Egypt during the reign of Amenemhet I in the middle kingdom?

**QUESTION 4**

Analyse the social and political elements of the Ancient Chinese civilisation during each of the following dynasties: Shang; Zhou; Qin and Han.

**QUESTION 5**

Discuss the geographical, economic and political factors which facilitated the rise of the State of Meroe in the Nile Valley.

**QUESTION 6**

Analyse the consequences of the rise of Islam in Saudi Arabia for states that were invaded by the followers of Mohammed.

**QUESTION 7**

What factors led to the collapse of the early Roman Republic? State the administrative reforms made by Augustus which made the new Roman Empire to function better than the old Republic.