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TITLE OF PAPER : HISTORY OF EAST AFRICA

COURSE CODE : H403

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 1

Describe the social and economic improvements brought by the Arabic civilization of the Shirazi dynasty in the East African coast. Identify two (2) other changes brought by the Islamic culture in the lives of the East Africans.

QUESTION 2

“The arrival of the Portuguese in the East African coast was the beginning of great disruption of the Arabic civilization.” Validate this statement using examples from the activities of the Portuguese when they arrived at the coast.

QUESTION 3

Identify and fully explain the economic and political reasons that made the Nyamwenzi to accept the Arab traders in the interior while other African groups rejected them

QUESTION 4

Trace and discuss the migration routes of the Lwoo from the ‘cradle land’ up to the two kingdoms of Bunyoro and Buganda.

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

Choose any one country from the following and critically discuss factors that led to the rise of African nationalism in the post World War II era: (a) Tanganyika (b) Uganda, (c) Kenya

QUESTION 6

Discuss the attempts made by East African countries to establish a common market. Why did these attempts fail?

QUESTION 7

Analyse the factors in Uganda that facilitated the rise of Idi Amin.

QUESTION 8

Give a critical analysis on the genesis and performance of the Ujamaa economic policy of Julius Nyerere in Tanzania.