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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, DECEMBER 2009

TITLE OF PAPER: COMPARATIVE HISTORY OF REVOLUTIONS

COURSE CODE: H515

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: (i)ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS
(ii)ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

1. Using the example of any two revolutions and revolutionary movements you have studied, what trajectory can you discern about revolutions?
2. How did the class factor influence the causes and course of the French revolution of 1789?
3. Critically examine the causes and outcome of the February and October 1917 revolutions in Russia.
4. To what extent does the Bolshevik revolution validate the Great Man Theory in History?
5. What are the distinguishing characteristics of the Cuban Revolution of Fidel Castro?
6. Mengistu Haile Mariam's people's revolution in Ethiopia was a counterfeit of, or an Africanised version of, Marxism-Leninism. How far do you agree?