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COURSE NAME : TOPICS IN WORLD HISTORY TO 1500

COURSE CODE : H101/HIS101

TIME ALLOWED : 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : 1. CHOOSE AND ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS.
2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS (25)
3. WRITE YOUR PROGRAMME ON THE COVER PAGE OF
THE ANSWER BOOKLET.

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THE INVIGILATOR.

Choose and answer two (2) questions from the following. Each question is worth 25 marks.

QUESTION 1

“The period when proto-humans, or human-like beings appeared on earth is known as the Quaternary era.” (F.J.Nothing *Pre-Colonial Africa: Her Civilisations and Foreign Contacts*, 1989:4)

Identify any three hominids which existed during the Quaternary era. For each hominid, use two physical features and two social activities which show evidence of the evolution process to the next stage.

QUESTION 2

Explain two economic and two social aspects of the way of life of the Khoikhoi during the Late Stone Age. Then state one way by which the Khoikhoi lifestyle differed from that of the Bantu of Southern Africa.

QUESTION 3

Explain how god Hapi and god Thoth were important in the lives of the ancient Egyptians. Then state three reasons which led to the destruction of the Ma'at during the reign of Pharaoh Pepi II.

QUESTION 4

Describe one economic and two scientific inventions which show that the Aztecs attained a high level of ancient civilization before the arrival of the Spaniards in Tenochtitlan. Then briefly explain how human sacrifice was conducted during the reign of King Moctezuma II.

QUESTION 5

Analyse the role played by Master Li Si and Master Han Fei during the reign of Qin Shi Huangdi in China. Then explain how the Program of Standardization was applied in education at this time.