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**FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

**SCHOOL FOCUSED PROGRAMME**

**HST 202: THEMES IN WORLD HISTORY SINCE 1500**

<b>Date: APRIL 2015</b>	<b>Duration: 2 Hours</b>
<b>Instructions: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions</b>	

- Q1. a) Examine the origins of the Renaissance and Humanist Movement. **(2 marks)**
- b) Explain the major factors that enabled Italy to play a key role in the Renaissance and humanist movement in Europe. **(10 marks)**
- c) Explain the impact of the Renaissance and Humanism on western society. **(10 marks)**
- Q2. a) Discuss the key factors that led to the Reformation in Europe. **(10 marks)**
- b) Explain the Catholic response to the Protestant Reformation. **(10 marks)**
- Q3. a) Examine the major factors that led to the emergence of absolutist states in Europe during the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. **(10 marks)**
- b) Examine the nature and character of any two absolutist states that emerged in Europe. **(10 marks)**
- Q4. a) Examine the origins of Enlightenment in Europe during the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. **(10 marks)**
- b) Explain the impact of enlightenment and the Scientific Revolution on western society. **(10 marks)**
- Q5. a) Explain the major causes of W. W. I **(8 marks)**

- b) Explain why the USA joined the war in 1917. **(5 marks)**
- c) Explain the major outcomes of the war. **(7 marks)**
- Q6. a) Discuss the major factors that led to the rise of communism in Eastern Europe from 1945. **(10 marks)**
- b) What were the major factors that led to the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe by the 1990s? **(10 marks)**

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