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MAIN EXAMINATION

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FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES - HISTORY

REGULAR PROGRAMME

HST 303: ISSUES IN AFRICAN ECONOMIC HISTORY

Date: APRIL 2018

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

- Q1. a) Define the meaning of the term “economic history” and discuss the growth of African economic history as a discipline. **(15 Marks)**
- b) Discuss the Marxist interpretation of African economic history. Provide examples. **(15 Marks)**
- Q2. Can we argue that African economies were underdeveloped through the contact with western capitalism? Provide an argument with examples to support your answer. **(20 Marks)**
- Q3. “African economies can only grow through the modernization of various sectors by borrowing ideas from more advanced societies”. Do you support this argument? **(20 Marks)**
- Q4. Citing examples discuss the origins and growth of the Africa slave trade and its impacts on African societies by the end of the 19th century. **(20 Marks)**
- Q5. Discuss how the spread of modern capitalism shaped the development of African economies in the colonial and post colonial periods. **(20 Marks)**
- Q6. . Development is a multidimensional idea that requires different approaches to understand fully. Discuss. **(20 Marks)**

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