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**HISTORY**

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**3 hours**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

You may use a soft pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **four** questions.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

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Answer any **four** questions.

- 1 What was the 'House System'? Explain, with examples, the origins and importance of the system in the city states of the Niger Delta.
- 2 Assess the achievements of the Creoles in West Africa and explain why Britain changed its attitude and policy towards them late in the nineteenth century.
- 3 What were the reasons for the Ngoni invasions of Central and East Africa? Assess the consequences of these invasions.
- 4 What do you understand by the terms 'informal empire' and 'formal empire'? When, how and why did the latter replace the former in Tropical Africa?
- 5 With reference to specific examples, account for the emergence and growth of independent African churches in West Africa and assess their importance in the region.
- 6 Why did the efforts of Samori Touré to resist the European conquest of his territory fail, whilst those of Menelik II succeeded?
- 7 How far do you agree with the view that the establishment of European colonialism in Africa helped the spread of Islam more than that of Christianity?
- 8 Assess the view that 'Africans who resisted Europeans were bound to fail; those who collaborated were certain to gain'. Answer with reference to the history of Central and East Africa.
- 9 What were the differences between the French colonial administrative systems of 'assimilation' and 'association'? When and why did 'association' begin to replace 'assimilation'?
- 10 Analyse the similarities and differences in the ways European powers economically exploited and developed their colonies in Tropical Africa.

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