



BOWEN UNIVERSITY, IWO
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL STUDIES
HISTORY AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAMME
B.A. HISTORY AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION (2023/2024 SESSION)
COURSE TITLE: ECONOMIC HISTORY OF WEST AFRICA SINCE 1800
COURSE CODE: HIS 321 COURSE CREDIT: 2
TIME ALLOWED: 2½ HOURS.

INSTRUCTION: Answer any three (3) questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Why is it difficult to agree with the view that characterised the economy of pre-colonial West Africa as subsistence? (23 marks)
2. What are the justifications or rationale for imperialism in West Africa and why do you think these rationales are untenable? (23 marks)
3. Enumerate some of the major problems which hinder the realisation of the objectives of ECOWAS. (23 marks)
4. Do you believe in the notion that the abolition of Slave trade in West Africa was a triumph of Humanitarianism over Capitalism(23 marks)
5. Legitimate commerce undoubtedly benefitted the European countries more than African countries although it was a step forward for Africa. Explain? (23 marks).
6. Discuss the following theories of imperialism in relation to their relevance in understanding British imperialist field workers in West Africa.
 - a. Hobsian theory
 - b. The Marxist-Leninist theory of Imperialism
 - c. The Devil's theory of Imperialism
 - d. Galtung's theory of Imperialism(23 marks)