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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS
AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AHT 423: WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEMS SINCE 1914

DATE: Tuesday, 5th April 2016

TIME: 4.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer any **THREE** questions only

All Questions carry equal marks

1. Identify and discuss the main similarities and differences between the Communal and the Socialist/Communist economic systems.
2. What are the similarities and differences between the Asiatic and the Capitalist economic systems?
3. a) What do you understand by the term "Socialism"?
b) What are the main distinguishing features of the socialist economic system?

4. EITHER

- a) What led to the scramble for and partition of Africa? Use suitable examples to illustrate your answer.

OR

- b) Why does Lenin refer to the period between 1880 and 1914 as that characterized by imperialism - the highest stage of Capitalism?
5. Identify the precipitating factors that led to the outbreak of World War 1 highlighting the impact the war had on international relations thereafter.

6. To what extent would one argue that World War II was a continuation of the First World War? Use suitable examples to illustrate your answer.
7. Discuss the outstanding features of the Cold War period between 1945 and 1989/1990 laying special emphasis on the impact the war had on African countries economically and politically.
8. In your own view, what contributed to the collapse of the Soviet Union (USSR) in 1989/90 and how did this affect the world we live in today?