



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**  
**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**  
**2024 1 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE TITLE:** HISTORY OF ECONOMIC THOUGHT  
**COURSE CODE:** ECO 324  
**CREDIT UNITS:** 3 UNITS  
**TIME ALLOWED:** 3 HOURS  
**INSTRUCTION:** ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER THREE (3) QUESTIONS

**QUESTION 1**

- 1a). Describe Adam Smith's theory of the Invisible Hand (7 Marks)
- 1b). Explain the Physiocratic concept of trade and laissez faire (8 Marks).
- 1c). Adam Smith advocated some ways through which the government should regulate society. Outline any five (5). (10 Marks).

**QUESTION 2**

- 2a). Highlight the main economic assumptions and policy proposals of mercantilism (9 Marks)
- 2b). What are the criticisms levelled against Mercantilists (6 Marks)

**QUESTION 3**

- 3). List and explain three (3) advantages and three (3) disadvantages of division of labour as pointed out by Adam Smith (15 Marks)

**QUESTION 4**

- 4). Give an account of the Roman views on the following
  - i). Views on agriculture (3 Marks).
  - ii). Money and Interest (3 Marks).
  - iii). Division of Labour (3 Marks)
  - iv). Commercial Regulations (3 Marks).
  - v). Labour (3 Marks).

**QUESTION 5**

- 5a). Explain the concept and assumptions of Welfare economics (9 Marks)
- 5b). Describe the Schumpeterian growth theory (6 Marks)