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SECOND ARTS AND VISITING

HI216: IMPERIALISM AND MODERNISATION, 1815-1899

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Time: TWO hours

**Answer ONE QUESTION from SECTION A and
TWO QUESTIONS from SECTION B**

Section A – Answer ONE question from this section

1. What did J.A. Hobson mean by the term 'surplus capital'? What part does surplus capital play in his explanation of the origins of imperialism?
2. What do you understand by the term 'informal empire'? How can the term be used to further our understanding of nineteenth-century Western imperialism?
3. How useful is the idea of 'collaboration' in understanding the nature of nineteenth-century colonial rule?

Section B – Answer TWO questions from this section

4. How far did the period 1815-1850 see the export overseas of Britain's 'fiscal-military' state?
5. Assess the importance of the Durham report in bringing about the shift to responsible self-government in Britain's colonies of white settlement.
6. How did the Indian Mutiny of 1857 affect British ideas about race and empire?
7. How useful is John Darwin's concept of the 'bridgehead' in explaining the dynamics of British Victorian overseas expansion?
8. In what ways did Irish people participate in British overseas expansion in the nineteenth century?
9. What role did pressure groups play in encouraging Western overseas expansion in the nineteenth century? Refer to AT LEAST TWO imperial powers in your answer.
10. 'In tropical Africa the imperialists were merely scraping the bottom of the barrel.' (Robinson and Gallagher) Discuss with reference to the 'Scramble for Africa'.
11. How significantly did overseas expansion affect the economic, social and political development of imperial powers during the nineteenth century?

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