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Answer **THREE** of the following six questions

Each of the questions is worth **33,3 MARKS**.

Each essay must be about **1000 words** long (approximately 4 pages)

You **MUST** enter which questions you answer in the column provided on the cover of the answer book

1. Explain why the adverse effects of the VOC's monopolistic policy only "emerged early in the eighteenth century when the productive capacity of the colony had finally expanded beyond the needs of the Company", [Charles Feinstein, *An economic history of South Africa*, 2005]
2. "In one sense the Great Trek was the eighteenth century fleeing before its more material, more active, and better organized successor." [C W de Kiewiet, *A history of South Africa, social and economic*, 1941] Discuss the relevance of this observation.
3. Why was South African agriculture so backward until the 19th century?
4. Discuss the development of banking in South Africa between 1793 and 1960
5. What role did government policy play in the development of manufacturing in South Africa after 1910?
6. How did segregation in South Africa develop from a largely land-related issue in 1910 to a full-blown political doctrine by 1960?