



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

(A Constituent College of Kenyatta University)
University Examinations for 2013/2014

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

AHT 101: PRINCIPLES OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Date: 4/8/2014

Time: 8:30-10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question one and two other questions

1. (a) Define the following concepts
 - (i) Archaeology (2 marks)
 - (ii) Archaeological site. (2 marks)
 - (iii) Artefact. (2 marks)
- (b) Outline the key indicators of an archeological site. (8 marks)
- (c) Discuss the significance of archeology as a field of study in the contemporary Kenya/African Societies. (16 marks)
2. (a) How are archeological sites discovered and investigated. (10 marks)
- (b) Discuss the place of interdisciplinary approach in the study of archaeology. (10 marks)
3. (a) Discuss the importance of dating in archaeology. (10 marks)
- (b) Evaluate the reliability of carbon₁₄ dating method of establishing absolute Chronology in Archaeology. (10 marks)
4. How did the theory of evolution lead to the rise of racism in the interpretation of African archeology? Use examples to illustrate your answer. (20 marks)
5. (a) Explain the characteristic features of a good archeological theory. (10 marks)
- (b) Discuss the concept of culture in archeology showing its applicability to the interpretation of the subject. (10 marks)