



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2021/2022 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AHT 305: CRITICAL PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY

DATE: 15/12/2021

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions.

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) What is the significance of philosophy of history? (10 marks)
- b) Demonstrate the demarcation between critical and speculative philosophy of history. (10 marks)
- c) Basing yourself on one scholar, discuss one major issue concerning philosophy of history? (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

For the sceptically minded person, Is history a science or an art?

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Elaborate the concepts of correspondence, coherence and pragmatic theories of truth explaining the problem of truth in history?

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss the view that the controversy as to whether historical truth is objective or subjective is as old as the profession itself.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Explain the concept of facts in relation to history.