



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations 2017/2018

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR B

ACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AHT 100: SOURCES OF AFRICAN HISTORY.

DATE: 13/12/2017

TIME: 11:00 – 1:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1.
 - (a) Assess the Eurocentric views that there was no history in Africa before the coming of Europeans. (15 marks)
 - (b) Explain the use of archaeology and its significance in reconstructing the past. (15 marks)
2.
 - (a) Define social anthropology (2 marks)
 - (b) What is the importance of anthropology in understanding African history (18 marks)
3. Discuss the relevance of Arabic and Chinese sources in writing of African history. (20 marks)
4. Using illustrations explain how historical linguistics is used to reconstruct history of migration and settlements patterns in Africa. (20 marks)
5. Assess the nature, importance and limitations of oral traditions in reconstructing a history of Africa. (20 marks)