



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

(A Constituent College of Kenyatta University)
University Examinations for 2015/2016 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF ARTS

AHT 318: GENDER RELATIONS IN AFRICAN HISTORY

DATE: 9/8/2016

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS.

Answer Question One and any other TWO questions.

1. a) Define the following terms:
 - i) Gender (2 marks)
 - ii) Sexual Division of Labour (2 marks)
 - iii) Patriarchy (2 marks)
 - iv) Feminism (2 marks)
 - v) Matriarchy (2 marks)
- b) Outline the major characteristics of gender relations in pre-colonial African societies. (10 marks)
- c) Explain the significance of studying gender relations in History. (5 marks)
- d) "The subordination of women is a biological development." Comment. (5 marks)
2. "The sexual division of labour in pre-colonial Africa was complementary." Discuss (20 marks)
3. Assess the impact of the Atlantic slave trade on African women. (20 marks)
4. Examine the role of patriarchy in the history of gender relations in Africa. (20 marks)
5. Discuss the impact of European colonialism on gender relations in Africa. (20 marks)