



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations 2017/2018

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SCIENCE)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AGE10: DEVELOPMENT OF GEOGRAPHIC THOUGHT

DATE: 6/12/2017

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)(30 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the contribution of the following scholars in the development of geographic thought:
- i. Eratosthenes (10 marks)
 - ii. Immanuel Kant (10 marks)
 - iii. The Chinese (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Evaluate the effects of the following concepts in the development of geographic thought and land use.

- a) Environmental determinism (8 marks)
- b) Possibilism. (7 marks)
- c) Social Darwinism. (5 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the objectives of quantitative revolution. (8 marks)
- b) Assess the importance of qualitative methods in geographical studies. (12 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Define the concept “paradigm” (6 marks)
- b) Explain the Kuhn’s paradigm of science. (14 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe the circumference of geography. (10 marks)
- b) Geography is both ideographic and nomothetic science. Discuss. (10 marks)