



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University examinations for 2022/2023 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: 11/4/2023

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Demonstrate the difference between continental and Anglo-Saxon philosophy of history (10 marks)
- b) Discuss at least two major issues/suspensions concerning philosophy of history as advocated by one philosopher of philosophy of history? (10 marks)
- c) For Maritain, philosophy of history is not either Marx's or Hegel's theory. Elaborate. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss the key schools of thought in regard to the issue of historicity as a science or an art

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Elaborate the three categories of truth and their relation in explaining the problem of truth in history

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss the view that the controversy as to whether or not historical truth is objective or subjective is as old as the profession itself

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

In relation to history, explain the following: dimensions of knowledge and the concept of facts