



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

AND BACHELOR OF ARTS

AHT 202: EARLY AFRICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

DATE: 4/12/2017

TIME: 11:00 – 1:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1. (a) Define the following terms as they relate to the study of Early African archaeology.
 - (i) Stratigraphy (3 marks)
 - (ii) The principle of superimposition. (3 marks)
 - (iii) The principle of faunal succession. (3 marks)
- (b) Differentiate between relative and chronological dating. (6 marks)
- (c) Examine any THREE theories that explain the origin of bipedalism. (15 marks)
2. Assess THREE major adaptive problems faced by early man. (20 marks)
3. 'East Africa is the cradle of human evolution'. Discuss. (20 marks)
4. Explain the culture of early man during the late stone age period. (20 marks)
5. Evaluate the following terms as they relate to palaeo-environmental reconstruction in early African archaeology:
 - (i) Palynology (8 marks)
 - (ii) Dendrochronology (6 marks)
 - (iii) Macroscopic plant remains. (8 marks)