



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2018/2019 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AHT 100: SOURCES OF AFRICAN HISTORY

DATE: 23/9/2019

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

1. a) Examine the scope of the following concepts;
 - i) African
 - ii) Sources
 - iii) History (15 marks)
- b) Citing relevant examples, discuss how the Eurocentric view influenced the study of African history (15 marks)
2. a) Examine the significance of archaeology in historical reconstruction (10 marks)
- b) Using illustrative examples, discuss the limitations of oral traditions as a source of history (10 marks)
3. Explain the meaning of historical linguistics and demonstrate how words have been used to reconstruct the origin and expansion of the Bantu speakers (20 marks)
4. “European documents, however misconstrued, laid much of our systematic knowledge of African society” Discuss this statement outlining the importance and shortcomings of such documents. (20 marks)
5. To what extent did social anthropology play the hand maiden role of colonialism? (20 marks)