



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2022/2023 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

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AHT 201: THEMES IN AFRICAN HISTORY

DATE: 13/4/2023

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following concepts:
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| i. | Africa | (2 marks) |
| ii. | Oral tradition | (2 marks) |
| iii. | Rumor | (2 marks) |
| iv. | Oral history | (2 marks) |
| v. | African in diaspora | (2 marks) |
- b) Access the view that Africa has history (10 marks)
- c) Analyze the weakness of oral traditions as a source of African history indicating how such weakness can be overcome. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) With an aid of economic Theory, examine the reasons for the coming of Europeans to Africa. (10 marks)
- b) Critique Hegelian view on African History. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Examine social organization of pre-colonial African societies under the following sub-headings.

- i) Education
- ii) Kinship system.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- (a) “Pre-colonial African economy was diverse”. To what extent do you agree with this view? (10 marks)
- (b) Examine factors that determined nature of African reaction against European occupation of Africa. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Analyze the salient features of decentralized pre-colonial societies in Africa (10 marks)
- (b) Assess the colonial legacies in Africa (10 marks)