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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

**SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AHT 202 EARLY AFRICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

DATE: 31/5/2017

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1. a) Citing examples define the scope of the following;
 - i. African Archaeology (2 marks)
 - ii. Evolutionism (2 marks)
 - iii. Goals of Archaeology (2 marks)
 - iv. Pleistocene environment (2 marks)
 - v. Palaeoethno-botanical evidence (2 marks)
- b) Discuss the Paleolithic Age under the following themes;
 - i. Olduwan culture (2 marks)
 - ii. Associated assemblage (2 marks)
 - iii. Tools manufacturing techniques (3 marks)
 - iv. Associated sites (3 marks)
- c) Outline and discuss the prepositions of the following principles of stratigraphy
 - i. Principle of Original horizontality
 - ii. Principle of Super imposition

- iii. Principle of faunal succession
 - iv. Principle of cross-cutting relationships (10 marks)
2. a) “Ethnicity is a product of environment”. Evaluate the validity of this statement (10 marks)
- b) Examine the main tenets of evolution theory and its application to human adaptability (10 marks)
3. “The Neolithic Age marked the final lithic period in human cultural evolution”. Citing relevant examples from Africa examine the validity of this statement (20 marks)
4. The African “Cradle of Mankind” theory is contradictory. Discuss. (20 marks)
5. a) Critically discuss the significance of rock art to African civilization (10 marks)
- b) Assess the methods used in the dating of Paleolithic rock art (10 marks)