



Machakos University
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2019/2020
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES.

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS FOR BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS
AHT 100: SOURCES OF AFRICAN HISTORY

DATE: _____

TIME: _____

INSTRUCTIONS.

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO

1a) 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)**

2a) Examine the significance of archaeology in historical reconstruction **(10 marks)**

b) Using illustrative examples, discussion 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)
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