



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2018/2019 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AHT300 SPECULATIVE PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE

- a) What is philosophy of history? (10 marks)
- b) Is the attempt to differentiate critical philosophy of history from speculative philosophy of history a matter of splitting hair? (10 marks)
- c) What is historical explanation? (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO

Using St. Augustine ideas discuss the linear theory of speculative philosophy of history (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Marxist philosophy of history is the dialectical movement of class conflict. Explain this.

(20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Discuss Nietzsche philosophy of history.

(20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Explicate that history is the “history of ideas” geared towards absolute idealism

(20 marks)