



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2022/2023 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR SUPPLEMENTARY/SPECIAL EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

AHT 100: SOURCES OF AFRICAN HISTORY

DATE: 8/3/2023

TIME: 2.00 – 4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY AND ANSWER ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) With the aid of two methods, discuss how archeologists identify sites (10 Marks)
- b) Analyze the weakness of oral traditions as a source of African history indicating how such weakness can be overcome. (10 Marks)
- c) Examine the use of medieval writings in reconstruction of African history (10 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) How is a multidisciplinary approach useful in reconstructing African history? (10 Marks)
- b) Examine the weakness of archaeology as a source of African History (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Access the challenges anthropologists is likely to face during research on African history (10 Marks)

- b) 'The use of European documents to reconstruct African history must be approach with caution'. To what extent do you agree with this argument? (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- (a) Access the view that Africa has History (10 Marks)
- (b) To what extent do you agree with the view that classical sources can be of a great use in reconstructing African history (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- (a) 'Oral tradition is the main source of information of African history'. How true is this statement? (10 Marks)
- (b) Analyze the use of archives as a primary source of African history (10 Marks)