



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2018/2019 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

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AHT 202: EARLY AFRICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

DATE: 24/9/2019

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

1. a) Define the following terms as they relate to the study of Early African archaeology.
 - i. Stratigraphy
 - ii. The principle of horizontal originality
 - iii. The principle of faunal succession. (6 marks)
- b) Examine any THREE theories that explain the origin of bipedalism. (12 marks)
- c) Examine reasons why East Africa is important in the study of early hominids. (12 marks)
2. Examine the similarities and distinguishing features of the Acheulian and Oldowan technologies. (20 marks)
3. Explain the culture of early man during the upper Paleolithic (20 marks)
4. Evaluate the following terms as they relate to paleoenvironmental reconstruction in early African archaeology:
 - a) Palynology (8 marks)
 - b) Dendrochronology (6 marks)
 - c) Macroscopic plant remains. (6 marks)
5. Discuss the characteristics of the palaeocene and the Pliocene periods. (20 marks)