



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2018/2019 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AHT 100: SOURCES OF AFRICAN HISTORY

DATE: 22/7/2019

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

1. a) Trace the origin and expansion of either the Bantu or Nilotic speakers from their cradleland to the of East Africa (15 marks)
- b) To what extent have social anthropological theories aided African historians in writing of specific pre-colonial people's histories? (15 marks)
2. Examine the contribution of archaeology in the reconstruction of African History (20 marks)
3. Identify any text written by either an African or non- African author and discuss its contribution to your knowledge on the aspect of Africa it set out to tackle. (20 marks)
4. In which way has oral sources contributed to the writing of precolonial African history? Give examples. (20 marks)
5. To what extent can historical linguistics assist in the study of the history of either the Bantu or the Nilotic speakers? (20 marks)