



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)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AHT 202: EARLY AFRICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

DATE: 26/7/2019

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

1. a) Discuss the characteristics of the Miocene and the Pliocene periods. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the reasons why East Africa is important in the study of early hominids. (20 marks)
2. a) Explain four physical features of Dryopithecus. (8 marks)
- b) Discuss THREE major adaptive problems faced by early man. (12 marks)
3. Discuss the physical characteristics and the culture of Homo erectus as a stage of Hominid evolution (20 marks)
4. Explain the culture of early man during the Middle stone age period. (20 marks)
5. Discuss the following terms as they relate to palaeoenvironmental reconstruction in early African archaeology: (20 marks)
 - i. Palynology.
 - ii. Dendrochronology
 - iii. Macroscopic plant remains.