



# **MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY**

**University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year**

**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR**

**BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**AHT 100: SOURCES OF AFRICAN HISTORY**

**DATE: 29/11/2019**

**TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Using examples, discuss the meaning, nature and scope of “Sources of African History”.  
(15 marks)
- b) Analyze the importance of archaeology in the reconstruction of pre-colonial African history  
(15 marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

To what extent is historical linguistics useful in the study of the origin and expansion of either Bantu or Nilotic speakers?

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

Examine the importance of oral sources in the study of pre-colonial African history

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

What is social anthropology and how has it facilitated the reconstruction of African history

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

“Multi-disciplinary approach is the best approach in the study of African history”. How true is this statement? Give examples to support your answer.