



# **MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY**

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

**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**AHT 305: CRITICAL PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY**

**DATE:**

**TIME:**

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

## **QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) Differentiate speculative philosophy of history from critical philosophy of history (10 marks)
- b) Is history an art or science (10 marks)
- c) Is history objective or subjective? (10 marks)

## **QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

Elaborate basing yourself on any philosopher of history why the subject matter of philosophy of history is treated with suspicion

## **QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) What is truth in history? (6 marks)
- b) To that extent do correspondence, coherence and pragmatic theories of truth explain the problem of truth in history? (14 marks)

## **QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

Discuss the validity of the view that in history facts do not speak for themselves it is the historian who must make the facts to speak.

## **QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

Explain the basic concepts of history as understood by Hans Georg Gadamer