



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:9/11/2020

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

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