



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2020/2021 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

APRIL SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

AHT 100: SOURCES OF AFRICAN HISTORY

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO

1. a) “Not to know what took place before you were born in to remain a child forever”.
Examine the validity of this statement with reference to the significance of studying history as an academic discipline. (15 marks)
- b) Examine the strengths and weaknesses of the following theories as employed by anthropologists to justify Europeans’ colonization of Africa. (15 marks)
 - i) Structural- Functionalism
 - ii) Diffusion theory
 - iii) Evolution theory
2. In which ways do historical linguistics aid in the reconstruction of the histories of either the Bantu or the Nilotic speakers? (20 marks)
3. “Archaeology is the backbone of African history”. Discuss. (20 marks)
4. What are the contributions of interdisciplinary approach in the study and reconstruction of African history? (20 marks)
5. With reference to European documents, analyze how written sources have facilitated the study of African history of the pre-colonial era. (20 marks)