



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2020/2021 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

AHT 101: PRINCIPLES OF ARCHAEOLOGY

DATE: 21/6/2021

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS.

Answer Question One and Any Other Two

1. a) i) What is Archaeology (2 marks)
ii) Discuss the contribution of Archaeology to the society (2 marks)
- b) Define the following terms;
 - i) Antiquarianism (2 marks)
 - ii) Uniformitarianism (2 marks)
 - iii) Catastrophism (2 marks)
- c) Show how each of the above Archaeological trajectories (**in 1b**) of thought influenced the development of Archeology as a subject of study (20 marks)
2. a) What is a theory (2 marks)
- b) What are the characteristics of a good theory (6 marks)
- c) Show how functionalism theory has contributed to Archaeological research (12 marks)
3. a) Differentiate between relative and absolute dating (3 marks)
- b) Discuss C₁₄ dating method showing its weaknesses and strengths (17 marks)
4. Explain how Archeological sites are discovered and investigated (20 marks)
5. The maturity of Archaeology as a subject is incomplete without recourse to interdisciplinarity. Discuss (20 marks)