



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2022/2023 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR *BACHELOR OF EDUCATION* ARTS

AHT 100: SOURCES OF AFRICAN HISTORY

Date:

Time:

INSTRUCTIONS.

QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY AND ANSWER ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

a) Define the following concepts

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| i. | Oral History | (2marks) |
| ii. | Oral tradition | (2marks) |
| iii. | Sources | (2marks) |
| iv. | Africa | (2marks) |
| v. | History | (2marks) |

b) i) What is anthropology? (2marks)

ii) Discuss various ways used by archeologists to identify sites (8Marks)

c) Analyze the weakness of oral traditions as a source of African history indicating how such weakness can be overcome. (10Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

a) "The use of European documents to reconstruct African history must be approached with caution". To what extent do you agree with this argument? (10 Marks)

b) 'The study of African history requires a multidisciplinary approach'. Discuss (10Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Examine the weakness of archaeology as a source of African history

(20Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

(a) “The use of anthropology to reconstruct African history can be hindered by many challenges”. Discuss **(10marks)**

(b) To what extent do you agree with the view that classical sources can be of a great use in reconstructing African history **(10Marks)**

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

(a) ‘Oral traditions is the main source of information to African history’. How true is this statement? **(10marks)**

(b) Analyze the use of archives as a primary source of African history **(10Marks)**