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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)
KHG 2103:SOURCES OF AFRICAN HISTORY

Date: 19th April 2024
Time: 8:30am-10.30am

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the meaning of the following concepts:
- i. History. (5 Marks)
 - ii. Archeology. (5 Marks)
 - iii. Typological classification. (5 Marks)
 - iv. Sources of African History. (5 Marks)
- b) Examine how archeology as a source of history can be used in the reconstruction of African History. (10 Marks)

QUESTION TWO(20 MARKS)

- a) To what extent is historical linguistics adequate in the analysis of the origin and expansion of either Bantu or Nilotic speakers. (10 Marks)
- b) Discuss the significance of oral sources in the reconstruction of the history of any pre-colonial African community of your choice. (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Analyze the contribution of any historical work written by either an African or a non-African to your knowledge about the topic the author set out to tackle. (10 Marks)
- b) Discuss the usefulness of social anthropology in the reconstruction of African history. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Assess the European sources in the reconstruction of African history. (10 Marks)
- b) Discuss the contribution of Arabic sources in the reconstruction of the history of medieval west and East African regions. Cite examples. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the contribution of ancient written sources in the reconstruction of African history.(10 Marks)
- b) Discuss the role of colonial records in the reconstruction of African history. (10 Marks)