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SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

EHI 3200: HISTORY OF KENYA UP TO 1895

DATE: JANUARY 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question *one* and any other *two* questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) A number of theories have been put forward to explain the origin of human beings.

Briefly elucidate the following:

- i) The creation theory (2 marks)
 - ii) The mythical/traditional theory (2 marks)
 - iii) The evolution theory (2 marks)
- b) Why is Kenya regarded as the place where man first evolved? (4 marks)
- c) Explain the reasons for the migration and movement of early Kenyan communities (10 marks)
- d) There are a number of views about the factors, which influenced the development of systems and productions. Discuss (6 marks)
- e) Elucidate the factors that facilitated the coming of the Arabs to the Kenyan Coast (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Elucidate the reasons for the existing documentaries and archaeological evidence about the historical information on the East African Coast (10 marks)
- b) Describe the political organization of the Agikuyu in the pre-colonial period (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the factors, which promoted the Indian Ocean Trade (10 marks)
- b) Explain the reasons for the coming of the Portuguese at the East African Coast (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Elucidate the reasons why the Portuguese were successful in defeating the East African communities (10 marks)
- b) Explain the impact of slave trade on the peoples of Kenya (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the achievements of Imperial British East African Company (IBEACO) in Kenya (10 marks)
- b) Elucidate the reasons why the Nandi resisted the British occupation on their land (10 marks)