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University Examinations 2024/2025

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

EHI 3100: INTRODUCTION TO HISTORY

DATE: JANUARY 2025   TIME: 2 HOURS

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

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

a. Write short notes on the following: (8 marks)

   i.   History

   ii.   Africa

   iii.   Stratigraphy

   iv.   Linguistics**.**

b. The validity of the study of archaeology in Meru university is wide and varied. Discuss this statement in relation to this.   (5marks).

c. If you are given group of languages to classify, how would you go about doing it?

(6 marks)

d. Explain various types of documents available to reconstruct history in written form

(6 marks).

e. Social anthropology has a number of weaknesses that it portrays in historical reconstruction. Discuss this statement in depth.   (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)

a) The content in history emanates from other academic disciplines. Explain five of this.

(5 marks)

b) What methods can an historian follow when discovering an archeological site

(10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)

a) With sufficient examples write notes on genetic classification   (5 marks)

b) Elucidate the contents of ancient written records about Egyptian history   (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)

a) What African languages were employed in conveying the greatest mass of information about its history   (5 marks)

b) Explain the role that social anthropology play in the reconstruction on African history

(10 marks).

QUESTION FIVE (15 MARKS)

a) Analyze the limitations of oral traditions as used in historical reconstruction (5 marks)

b) Discuss the areas of importance you should familiarize with when doing historical research.   (10 marks)