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KIRIRI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS
FOR THE DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)
KHG 2301-METHODS OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

Date: 19th April 2023
Time: 8.30am-10.30am

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS.

QUESTIONS ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Discuss any **Four** uses history (8marks).
- b) Examine how the American School of Historical Writing revolutionized the discipline of History (9 marks).
- c) Assess the weakness of oral tradition (8 marks)
- d) Examine the G.W.F Hegel view on History (5marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS).

- a) Critique the process of History according to Karl Marx (10marks).
- b) Assess the African Philosophy according to John.S Mbiti (10marks).

QUESTION THREE (20MARKS).

- a) Examine the scientific basis of history. (10 marks).
- b) Evaluate why it is difficult to achieve objectivity in history. (7 marks)
- c) Explain **three** weaknesses of Anthropology (3 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS).

- a) Critique the notion of Causation in history (10marks).
- b) Assess the usefulness of European documents as a source of African History (6 marks).
- c) Explain **two** weaknesss of Archaeology as method of reconstructing history (4marks).

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS).

- a) Examine the following theories as they seek to explain the concept of truth and facts in history
 - i. Coherence Theory. (7 marks)
 - ii. Correspondence Theory (7 marks).
- b) Assess how historian can overcome the challenge of subjectivity in historical writting (6 marks).