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KIRIRI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR
THIRD YEAR, SEMESTER ONE & TWO EXAMINATION
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)
KHG 2303: PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY

Date: 11th December 2024
Time: 2.30pm-4.30pm

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a. Define the following terms; (6 marks)
- History.
 - Philosophy.
 - Historicism.
 - Philosophy of history.
 - Historical knowledge.
 - Evidence.
- b. Discuss **four** roles of philosophy as a critical analysis tool in historical methods and interpretation. (8 marks)
- c. Describe **five** sources of Historical knowledge. (5 marks)
- d. Explain **three** inquiry methods for gathering, analyzing, and interpreting historical knowledge. (6 marks)
- e. Identify **five** roles of evidence in Constructing History. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a. Differentiate between the following terms. (4 marks)
- Positivism and relativism in History.
 - Speculative and analytical history.
- b. Citing examples, discuss the key concepts in George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel's historical thought. (10 marks)
- c. Evaluate the **three** major criticisms raised against speculative historical narratives. (6 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a. Citing examples, discuss the application of positivist and relativist debates in the interpretation of Kenyan historical events. (8 marks)
- b. Explain the **three** types of historical explanations. (6 marks)
- c. Citing examples from Kenya's history Describe the **three** types of causation in history. (6 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a. "True objectivity in history is an illusion." Comment. (8 marks)
- b. "History is a re-enactment of past thoughts." Citing examples, and with with specific reference to R.G. Collingwood's theory of history, discuss this statement. (12 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a. Define Presentism. (2 marks)
- b. Critically assess the challenges of applying presentism in the study of Kenyan history. (10 marks)
- c. Discuss the significance of studying philosophy of History at the university level. (8 marks)