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**KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**FOR THE DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF EDUCATION**  
**KHG 2103-SOURCES OF AFRICAN HISTORY**

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023

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 concepts
  - i. Oral History (2 Marks)
  - ii. Rumor (2 Marks)
  - iii. History (2 Marks)
- b) Identify **six** socio-economic aspects of interest to anthropologists. (6 Marks)
- c) Discuss various ways used by archeologists to identify sites. (8 Marks)
- d) Name **four** written materials used by historians (4 Marks)
- e) Analyze **three** weaknesses of oral traditions as a source of African history indicating how such weakness can be overcome. (6 Marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) Identify **four** artifacts used by archaeologists (4marks)
- b) "The use of European documents to reconstruct African history must be approached with caution". Comment on the validity of the statement. (6Marks)
- c) Name **two** custodians of oral tradition (2 Marks)
- d) The study of African History requires a multi- disciplinary approach. Discuss (8 Marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Identify examples of electronic sources used as a source of African history (4 Marks)
- b) Evaluate factors a historian could consider in choosing a historical source of information (6Marks)
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**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Briefly explain the meaning of the concept 'Genetics' in History (2Marks)
- b) "The use of anthropology to reconstruct African history can be hindered by many challenges". Comment . (8Marks)
- c) Give **four** weaknesses of European documents as a source of African History (4Marks)
- d) Classical sources can be of a great use in reconstructing African history. Give your view. (6Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Outline **two** issues of importance to anthropologists in their research. (2Marks)
- b) "'Oral tradition is the main source of information of African history'". Interrogate (8Marks)
- c) Name **two** features used by archaeologists to reconstruct African History (2marks)
- d) Analyze the use of archives as a primary source of African history (8Marks)