



A Constituent College of Kenyatta University

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2011/2012 ACADEMIC YEAR

INSTITUTIONAL BASED PROGRAMME

**1ST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION (ARTS)**

COURSE CODE/TITLE: AHT 100 : SOURCES OF AFRICAN HISTORY

END OF SESSION: I

DURATION: 3 HOURS

DAY/TIME: WEDNESDAY 4.00PM – 7.00PN DATE:18.04.2012-LF2

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions

Question One

- a) Explain the significance of the following features in archaeological investigations. (8 marks)
 - i) Vegetation covers
 - ii) Soil Colour
 - iii) Diagnostic artefacts
- b) Dating of archaeological materials is one way of putting sites and fossils into a chronological framework. Explain. (9 marks)
- c) Explain how language change is brought about by technological, political and environmental forces. (9 marks)

Question Two

Evaluate the contribution of ancient evidence (of the classical period) on the importance of Africa in global civilization. (22 marks)

Question Three

Explain the significance of the following in African history.

- a) Rock art sites. (4 marks)
- b) Ancient city-states on East African coast. (6 marks)
- c) Periplus of the Erythraen Sea. (6 marks)
- d) Ancient Egypt. (6 marks)

Question Four

Information from Oral tradition is considered an important aspect of historical research on people's origins. Explain. (22 marks)

Question five

Evaluate the importance of European documents in understanding African history (22 marks)