

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

1ST SEMESTER 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

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

HIST 112: SELECTED TOPICS IN GLOBAL HISTORY I

STREAM: R

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: MONDAY [8.30AM – 10.30AM]

DATE: 05/12/2022

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3) PAGES

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INSTRUCTIONS: - Answer question ONE and any other TWO

QUESTION ONE

- (a) Define the term “civilization” within the context of ancient societies. (2 marks)
- (b) What are the main features/characteristics that make these societies be described “civilized”? (3 marks)
- (c) Identify and briefly discuss the achievements and failures of the people of Sumeria. (10 marks)
- (d) Briefly discuss the main features of the Minoan and Mycenaean societies. (7 marks)
- (e) Explain what the ancient Greeks meant by the term “Polis”. How was it organized? (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO

“Mesopotamia was the home of the first city and the first empire, but the Babylonian Empire stood apart from the rest. It is perhaps the most famous and influential of all the Mesopotamian Empire”. Discuss. (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE

“The Indus civilization was the most dramatic in the world of ancient societies”. Discuss. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Examine the challenges of the Lyric Age and show how they were tackled by anyone *Polis* in ancient Greece. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Discuss the theory and practice of **EITHER** Confucianism **OR** Legalism in ancient China. (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Discuss the functions of the ancient Roman Senate. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the reasons that led to the appointment of Solon and reforms he introduced in Athens as the *Archon*. (10 marks)

QUESTION SIX

Discuss any ONE of the following:

(20 marks)

- a) Christian Crusades
- b) Barbarian invasions in Europe;
- c) The Golden Age of Islam;
- d) Meso-American civilizations and their contribution to world history.

