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1ST SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

HIST 412: PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY

STREAM:

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: WEDNESDAY [14.30-16.30 P.M] ***DATE: 06/12/2023***

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question ONE and any other TWO

QUESTION ONE

- a) Account for the major work of the historian and uses of history. **(15 marks)**
- b) Broadly explain the *Nature of History* as a philosophical discipline. **(15 marks)**

QUESTION TWO

Elucidate the patterns of history in relation to the following:

- a) Cyclical progression. **(7 marks)**
- b) Linear progression. **(7 marks)**
- c) Unilinear progression. **(6 marks)**

QUESTION THREE

Assess the contribution of any ONE of the following on philosophy of history

- a) Ibn Khaldun **(5 marks)**
- b) St. Augustine of Hippo **(5 marks)**
- c) Vico Giambatista **(5 marks)**
- d) Oswald Spengler **(5 marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Examine the concept of historical objectivity in history **(10 marks).**
- b) Why is this concept important in historical craft? **(10 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

Discuss the validity of the "Great Man Theory" in historical studies. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION SIX

Write notes on any **TWO** of the following:

- a) Traditional African understanding of time and history. **(5 marks)**
- b) Marx and history. **(5 marks)**
- c) Michael Foucault **(5 marks)**
- d) G. W. F. Hegel. **(5 marks)**

