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1ST SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

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

HIST 411: AFRICAN ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY

STREAM:

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: FRIDAY [14.30-16.30 P.M]

DATE: 15/12/2023

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INSTRUCTIONS : Answer question ONE and any other TWO.

QUESTION ONE

- a) Attempt a broad definition of Environmental History and explain two approaches used in the study of African Environmental History **(6 marks)**
- b) “Environmental History is an interdisciplinary subject” With relevant examples qualify the validity of this statement **(10 marks)**
- c) Elucidate the significance of studying African Environmental history **(8 Marks)**
- d) Explain three areas of study in Environmental History as identified by Donald Worster **(6 Marks)**

QUESTION TWO

Assess the contributions of John Ford and Helge Kjekshus to the rise of African Environmental History. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION THREE

Examine the contribution of European colonialism to the environmental degradation of African environment. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

Demonstrate the environmental challenges that face independent Africa. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

EITHER

- a) Discuss the “Dust Bowl” phenomenon by expounding on its impact on the colonial environmental policies. **(20 marks)**

OR

- b) Citing relevant examples, examine the steps taken by Kenya to promote environmental conservation since independence. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION SIX

Discuss the politics of “betterment and environmentalism” in the post- war period in Africa. **(20 marks)**

