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FIRST SEMESTER 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

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

HIS 211: HISTORY METHODS

STREAM: *BED ARTS*

TIME: *2 HRS*

DAY: *FRIDAY [14.30 P.M-16.30 P.M]*

DATE: *30/01/2026*

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question **ONE** and any other two.

QUESTION ONE

- (a) Explain four reasons why history is considered a science. **(8 marks)**
- (b) Outline four ways in which *Scientific School of American Historians* changed the writing of history and helped in giving history Professional status. **(8 marks)**
- (c) “*All history is the history of thought*”. Explain the meaning of this statement with reference to R.G. Collingwood’s view of history. **(4 marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Briefly explain five limitations of oral sources of information on African history. **(10 marks)**
- (b) Discuss the cyclic theory of history while showing the significance of chronology in the study of history. **(10 marks)**

QUESTION THREE

- (a) With relevant examples discuss why history is considered to be an interdisciplinary discipline. **(10 marks)**
- (b) Analyze the African concept of time in relation to history as explained by J.S. Mbiti. **(10 marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

Discuss the issues of subjectivity and objectivity of history in relation to African historiography. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) Discuss the Judeo-Christian concept of time in history. **(10 marks)**
- (b) Explain five limitations of oral traditions as source historical information **(10 Marks)**