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# UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

FIRST SEMESTER 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

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

**HIS 112: SELECTED TOPICS IN GLOBAL HISTORY I**

***STREAM: BED ARTS***

***TIME: 2 HRS***

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

***DATE: 6/02/2026***

**THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3) PAGES**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO**

**QUESTION ONE**

- a) Explain the meaning of the term “civilization” with respect to ancient societies. **(3 marks)**
- b) Discuss the outstanding features that make such peoples be described by historians and archaeologists as civilized. **(8 marks)**
- c) What were the achievements and failures of the people of Sumeria? **(8 marks)**
- d) Citing specific examples, explain why the city of Babylon has been described as “the preeminent city of the Near East for nearly 2,000 years”. Identify reasons for this description. **(8 marks)**
- e) Explain how the geographical setting of Greece affected the social, economic and political activities of its people. **(3 marks)**

**QUESTION TWO**

“Examine the reasons behind the description of the Indus Civilization as “the most dramatic in the ancient world”. **(20 marks)**

**QUESTION THREE**

Which strategies did **EITHER** Athens **OR** Sparta use in dealing with the problems of the Lyric Age? **(20 marks)**

**QUESTION FOUR**

Discuss the theory and practice of any **ONE** philosophical School in ancient China. **(20 marks)**

**QUESTION FIVE**

Discuss the roles of the institution of Senate in ancient Rome. **(20 marks)**

**QUESTION SIX**

Discuss any **ONE** of the following: (20 marks)

- a) Solon the Athenian Archon;
- b) Origins and implementation of Lycurgus Reforms;

- c) Christian Crusades;
- d) Aryans and their Vedas
- e) The Golden Age of Islam.