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FIRST SEMESTER 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

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

HIS 111: HISTORY OF KENYA

STREAM: BED ARTS

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: TUESDAY [11.30 A.M-13.30 P.M] DATE: 3/02/2026

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO (2) PAGES

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question ONE and any other two

QUESTION ONE

- (a) Discuss how Daniel Branch in his work *Kenya: Between Hope and Despair* articulates the theme of hope in Kenya's independence and the early state-building period under President Jomo Kenyatta. **(10 marks)**
- (b) In reference to Chapter 1 of Daniel Branch's 'book, analyze the historical conditions at independence that fostered both optimism and apprehension among Kenyans. How does Branch connect these early conditions to later political developments? **(10 marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Describe the early human settlements in Kenya, with particular reference to the early man and critical prehistoric sites. **(10 marks)**
- (b) Explain the significance of early stone tool cultures in understanding human evolution. **(10 marks)**

QUESTION THREE

- (a) Examine the social, political, and economic organization of any **ONE** pre-colonial communities in Kenya. **(10 marks)**
- (b) Analyze the role of age-sets, clan systems, and kinship structures in maintaining social cohesion. **(10 marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Account for the narratives on the Nandi Resistance and compare it with that of the Maasai collaboration. **(10 marks)**
- (b) Discuss the origins and the consequences of the Kenya- Uganda Railway.

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) Discuss the rise of nationalism and factors leading to the Mau Mau uprising. **(10 marks)**
- (b) Evaluate the key challenges Kenya faced during the early post-independence period (1963–1978). **(10 marks)**