

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

1ST SEMESTER 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

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

HIST 211: HISTORICAL METHODS

STREAM: R

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: WED [14.30 – 16.30]

DATE: 14/12/2022

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INSTRUCTIONS: - Answer question ONE and any other two.

QUESTION ONE

- (a) Identify and briefly explain **TWO** schools of thought which, in your opinion, provide a rational understanding of history. (6 marks)
- (b) Explain how the scientific School of American Historians revolutionized historical writing in the nineteenth century. (8 marks)
- (c) Discuss the statement, “History is either science or art” in terms of George McCauley Trevelyan views. (10 marks)
- (d) Explain how the study of history qualifies to be a social science and relate this to the study of the natural sciences. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO

“Chronology is of essence in the study of history”. Discuss this statement in relation to cyclical theory of historical progression of time. (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Discuss historical explanation and causation in respect to African historiography and provide a critique for each of the argument. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

African historians argue that “there is no reason to make a cult out of chronology since time and dates are a means and not an end in themselves”. Discuss. (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Write notes on the following sources of African history: -

- a) Palaeontology (5 marks)
- b) Archaeology (5 marks)
- c) Palaeobotany (5 marks)
- d) Historical linguistics (5 marks)