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1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

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

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

***STREAM:***

***TIME: 2 HRS***

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

***DATE: 15/12/2023***

**THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO (2) PAGES**

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

**QUESTION ONE**

- a) Attempt a definition of the term “civilization” with regard to ancient societies **(3 marks)**
- b) Explain the main features exhibited by ancient communities for historians to categorize them as civilized **(5 marks)**
- c) What were the achievements and failures of the people of Mesopotamia? **(8 marks)**
- d) Babylon has been described as “the one empire that stood apart from the rest and perhaps the most famous and influential of all the Mesopotamian empires.” Account for this fame and influence? **(14 marks)**

**QUESTION TWO**

“The Indus civilization was the most dramatic in the world of ancient societies”. Discuss.

**(20 marks)**

**QUESTION THREE**

- a) Examine the challenges of the **Lyric Age** **(10 marks)**
- b) Demonstrate how the challenges were tackled by **EITHER** Athens **OR** Sparta.

**(10 marks)**

**QUESTION FOUR**

Elucidate the theory and practice of **EITHER** Confucianism **OR** Legalism in ancient China.

**(20 marks)**

**QUESTION FIVE**

**EITHER**

- a) Assess the functions of the ancient Roman Senate. **(20 marks)**

**OR**

- b) Discuss any ONE of the following: (20 marks)
  - i) Draco versus Solon;
  - ii) Origins and implementation of Lycurgus Reforms;
  - iii) Christian Crusades;
  - iv) Aryans;
  - v) The Golden Age of Islam.

