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

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

**HIST 211: HISTORICAL METHODS**

***STREAM:***

***TIME: 2 HRS***

***DAY: MONDAY [8.30-10.30 A.M]***

***DATE: 11/12/2023***

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

**QUESTION ONE**

- a) George McCauley Trevelyan opine that “history is either science or art.” Discuss. **(10 marks).**
- b) Explain how the scientific school of American historians revolutionized historical writing in the nineteenth century. **(10 marks)**
- c) “Chronology is of essence in the study of history”. Elucidate the statement in relation to cyclical theory of historical progression. **(10 marks)**

**QUESTION TWO**

- a) Demonstrate how the study of history qualifies to be a social science. **(10 marks)**
- b) “History as contemporarily understood by western thought, tends to follow an assumption of linear progression”. Discuss. **(10 marks)**

**QUESTION THREE**

Examine 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”. Assess this view in the light of John Mbiti.

**(20 marks)**

**QUESTION FIVE**

Write notes on **ONE** of the following concepts of history:

- a) Objectivity and subjectivity in history
- b) Ontological phenomena (time)
- c) Archaeological history
- d) Historical facts
- e) Historical linguistics

**(20 marks)**