



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

AHT 802: PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY

1ST SEMESTER 2023/2024

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any THREE Questions (60 Marks)

1. (a) What is philosophy? (4 marks)
(b) Discuss the main branches or fields in the study of philosophy. (16 marks)
2. How does speculative philosophy of history differ from critical philosophy of history? (20 marks)
3. Discuss the cyclic process of history demonstrating its weaknesses. (20 marks)
4. Give a critique of the positivist/scientific perspective of the study of history. (20 marks)
5. Basing your answer on the fall of Rome, give the contribution of St. Augustine of Hippo to the linear view of history. (20 marks)
6. Explain why Karl Marx's philosophy of history is called "historical materialism". (20 marks)