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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AHT 100: SOURCES OF AFRICAN HISTORY

DATE: Wednesday 4th April, 2012

TIME: 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS: *Answer any THREE questions.*

1. Define linguistics. Using any one branch of linguistics explain how it can be used in the reconstruction of the continent's history.
2. Using examples explain the usefulness of archaeology to students.
3. (i) Provide meanings to the following concepts:
 - (a) History
 - (b) Sources
 - (c) Africa
- (ii) Basing your answer on any three sources, critique the Eurocentric view that history came to Africa with the arrival of Europeans.
4. Discuss the relevance of ancient evidence in the writing of African sources.
5. Examine the relevance of social anthropology in the reconstruction of African History in the pre-colonial times.
6. Explain the difference between oral history and oral tradition. Explain how a historian prepares for fieldwork, interprets and analysis of oral evidence.
7. As a researcher in Africa, explain the importance of the interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approach.