



# KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

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FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF ARTS

**AHT 318: GENDER RELATIONS IN AFRICAN HISTORY**

DATE: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015

TIME: 2.00p.m -4.00p.m

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Answer question one and any other two.

1. a) "Inadequacies in conventional history laid the basis for gender history".  
Explain. [5marks]
- b) Explain the main approaches used in writing women history. [5marks]
- c) Examine how African family history has been written. [5marks]
- d) Explain why it is important to examine femininities and masculinities in gender relations studies. [5marks]
- e) Explain the role of bridewealth among the Shona. [5marks]
- f) Why is it important for societies to be engendered? [5marks]
2. Discuss the main theories used in writing gender history. [20marks]
3. Demonstrate how capitalism contributed to the disempowerment of women across Africa.  
Use examples. [20marks]
4. "In Africa female sexuality was the subject of elderly males". Explain using valid examples. [20marks]
5. Examine the impact of migrant labour on gender relations in Africa. Illustrate your answer with explicit examples from across Africa. [20marks]
6. Critically evaluate how colonial education in Africa took a gendered dimension. [20marks]