



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2012/2013

**SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
ARTS**

AHT 321: AGRICULTURAL HISTORY OF KENYA UPTO 1900

DATE: WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 2013

TIME: 11.00 A.M. – 1.00 P.M.

!INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO

1. a) Using either the environmental or the materialist theory explain the beginnings of agriculture. (10 marks)
- b) What are the four main characteristics of agriculture? (4 marks)
- c) Describe the geographical conditions of both the Arid Plateau and the Lake Basin regions of Kenya. (8 marks)
- d) Why was the Neolithic age referred to as a revolution? (4 marks)
- e) Evaluate some of the evidence available for the beginnings of agriculture in Kenya. (4 marks)

2. Demonstrate how hunting and gathering was organized in some of the communities in pre-colonial Kenya. (20 marks)

3. Discuss the migration and settlement of Bantu speakers into Kenya in the period before 1900. (20 marks)

4. Evaluate how local and external trade contributed to agricultural production in Kenya in the period before 1900. (20 marks)
5. Trace the origins and spread of major plants and animals into Kenya in the period before 1900. (20 marks)
6. Using a community you are familiar with, examine the issue of land tenure before 1900. (20 marks)
7. "Africans demonstrated a high sense of ingenuity in their agriculture in the period before 1900". Discuss. (20 marks)