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MAIN EXAMINATION

JANUARY – APRIL 2022

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES (HISTORY)

REGULAR PROGRAMME

MA HISTORY WRITTEN COMPREHENSIVE

Date: APRIL 2022

Duration: 4 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer ONE Question from each Section/Cluster. Your Answer must be comprehensive and logical.

Section A: Africa and African Historiography

1. Discuss the statement that “Africa is no historical part of the world”.
2. Discuss the impact of liberal and Marxist theories in the writing of African history.
3. Critique the historiography of any one African historian of your choice.

Section B: Kenya

1. Discuss the contribution of nationalist historiography to the growth of Kenyan history since independence.
2. “The land question remains a central theme that has defined Kenya’s history since the colonial era to date”. Discuss.
3. “The post-colonial state in Kenya is still shackled with the hangovers of the colonial state”. Comment

Section C: Research Methods and Theories of History

1. Examine the role of theoretical framework and concepts in historical analysis and explanations.
2. Discuss the major components of the dependency theory. Why is this theory usually located within the setting of third world societies?
3. Examine the feminist and post modernism theory in gender studies.

Section D: Philosophy of History and History of Political Ideas

1. Critically analyze the major distinctions between critical and speculative philosophy of history.
2. Discuss the relevance of philosophy of history in the articulation of the theories of history.
3. As history student discuss how philosophy of history is crucial in the process of undertaking research in history.

Section E: Regional Studies and History of International Relations

1. Examine the history and theoretical foundations of international relations as a discipline.
2. Examine the key aspects of the evolution of modern western imperialism in Asia.
3. Compare and contrast the contemporary political economy of Latin American and African societies.

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