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MAIN EXAMINATION

JANUARY – APRIL 2023 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES

REGULAR PROGRAMME

HST 402: PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY

Date: April 2023	Duration: 2 Hours
Instructions: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions	

Q1.

- a) What do you understand by the term historical causality? **(2 Marks)**
Illustrating your answer with historical examples, explain any five aspects of causality in history. **(16 Marks)**
- b) Discuss the value of historical knowledge to the African society. **(12 Marks)**

Q2.

- a) What is historical explanation **(2 Marks)**
- b) Discuss SIX major types of historical explanation. **(18 Marks)**

Q3.

Evaluate R. G. Collingwood's view that "all history is history of thought".
(20 Marks)

Q4.

- a) What is objectivity in history **(2 Marks)**
- b) 'Every history is written from a certain point of view and makes sense only from that point of view' W. H Walsh. Discuss the problem of objectivity in history in the light of this statement. **(18 Marks)**

Q5.

Explain the concept of time according to John S. Mbiti's in his ontological theory of African historical thought. **(20 Marks)**

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