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**SCHOOL FOCUSED PROGRAMME**

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**FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

**HST 402: PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY**

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<b>Instructions: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions</b>
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- Q1. a) Discuss the importance of studying philosophy of history as a discipline. **(15 marks)**  
b) Distinguish between the positivist and relativist interpretation of history. **(15 marks)**
- Q2. Discuss the ways in which historians understand the phenomenon of objectivity in history. **(20 marks)**
- Q3. Examine how explanation is different in history as compared to other disciplines. **(20 marks)**
- Q4. Discuss the major features of Greek philosophy of history. Why do we regard the Greek as the first true philosophers of history? **(20 marks)**
- Q5. Assess the contribution of Christian philosophy of history to our understanding of the history process. **(20 marks)**
- Q6. Examine the impact of the scientific revolution on philosophy of history. Give examples. **(20 marks)**

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