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MAIN EXAMINATION

MAY – JULY 2018 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES - HISTORY

PART TIME PROGRAMME

MA HISTORY WRITTEN COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

Date: JULY 2018

Duration: 4 Hours

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

Section A: Africa and the World

- Q1. “Theory interprets facts and facts confirm theory”. In reference to either modernization or dependency theories, assess the relevance of theory in interrogating social and economic history of Africa.
- Q2. “Post independent Africa exhibit legacies of colonial era”. Analyse the nature of political, social and economic characteristics of Africa as transformative legacies of colonialism.
- Q3. Examine the major trends that have characterised colonial and post colonial African historiography.

Section B: Kenya

- Q1. Discuss the impact of the growth of western capitalism in shaping the colonial and post colonial state in Kenya.
- Q2. Post colonial Kenya historiography has strongly been influenced by the colonial past. Do you agree?
- Q3. “Ethnicity and the land question continue to be a central theme in Kenya’s post colonial experience.” Comment.

Section C: Research Methods and Theory

- Q1. Examine the role of theoretical framework and concepts in historical analysis and explanations.
- Q2. Examine the feminist and post modernism theory in gender studies.
- Q3. In your opinion, do you think Marxism is still a central framework in conceptualizing African studies?

Section D: Philosophy of History and History of Political Ideas

- Q1. Why do you consider philosophy of history central in historical analysis?
- Q2. Examine the theory of the state and political leadership as espoused by any one philosopher of your choice.
- Q3. Was the idea of “African socialism” as espoused by post colonial African leaders realistic or idealistic? Provide a consistent argument on this statement.

Section E: Regional Studies and World History

- Q1. Examine the history and theoretical foundations of international relations as a discipline.
- Q2. Examine the growth of modern imperialism and its transformation of Asian societies since the 19th century.
- Q3. “Modern Latin America provides a perfect case of a neo colonial society”. Comment.

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