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MAIN EXAMINATION

AUGUST – DECEMBER 2018 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES - HISTORY

REGULAR PROGRAMME

HST 402: PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY

Date: DECEMBER 2018

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

- Q1. a) What do you understand by the term philosophy of history and why do we study this discipline? **(10 marks)**
- b) Distinguish between the positivist and relativist interpretation of history. **(10 marks)**
- c) How did the growth of Renaissance and humanism influence our understanding of history as a discipline? **(10 marks)**
- Q2. Discuss the idea of objectivity as understood by historians. **(20 marks)**
- Q3. Explain how explanation is different in history as compared to other disciplines. **(20 marks)**
- Q4. Examine the major features of Greco-Roman philosophy of history. **(20 marks)**
- Q5. Assess the Christian philosophy of history and its contribution to our understanding of the historical process. **(20 marks)**
- Q6. Examine the philosophy of history of George Hegel. **(20 marks)**

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