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HIS 113: HISTORIOGRAPHY OF KENYA

DATE: 6TH APRIL 2022

DURATION: 2 HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 70

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Write your registration number on the answer booklet.
- 2. DO NOT write on this question paper.
- 3. This paper contains SIX (6) questions.
- 4. Question ONE is compulsory.
- 5. Answer any other THREE questions.
- 6. Question ONE carries 25 MARKS and the rest carry 15 MARKS each.
- 7. Write all your answers in the Examination answer booklet provided

QUESTION ONE

In the writing of Kenyan history, – B.A. Ogot narrates his experience thus "We demonstrated that African societies had well organized states engaged in long distance trade with properly organized markets. They proved that Africans had religion, philosophies, military organizations, legal systems, medicines and technologies ... Africa had a rich and significant history". From this experience:

Required:

- (a) Explain the sources Kenyan historians used to demonstrate that Kenya had a rich and significant history. (8marks)
- (b) Discuss the weaknesses of oral traditions as a source of Kenya history.

(10marks)

(c) Examine the challenges that historians face in the reconstruction of contemporary history in Kenya today. (7marks)

QUESTION TWO

(a) Explain the different types of European written sources of kenyan history.

(5marks)

(b) Assess the limitations of European written sources in the writing of African history.

(10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

(a) Discuss the different reasons advanced to explain the colonization of kenya by the British.

(8marks)

(b) Assess the economic challenges Kenya inherited from the colonial period.

(7marks)

QUESTION FOUR

(a) Differentiate between oral history and oral tradition.

(5marks)

(b) "Mass media is an important source of contemporary Kenyan history" Discuss.

(10marks).

QUESTION FIVE

(a) Citing examples, distinguish between a primary and secondary sources of history.

(5marks)

(b) Analyze five types of secondary sources used in the writing of Kenyan history.

(10marks)

QUESTION SIX

(a) Explain five challenges facing post colonial Kenya.

(5marks)

(b) Discuss the factors that have hindered national unity in Kenya. (10marks)

