The Management University of Africa



SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

HIS 211: ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS OF AFRICA

DATE: 31st March 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

Read the Case Study below carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Writing on the Egyptian civilization, one of the greatest scholars of western civilization; Herodotus 'the father of history' described the Egyptian civilization as the gift of the Nile. He was referred to the natural annual flooding phenomenon of the Nile and its impact on Egypt; basing your argument on Herodotus writings;

Required:

- (a) Describe the annual flooding of the Nile valley and its importance in the rise of the Egyptian civilization. (9marks)
- (b) Analyze the scientific achievements of the Egyptian civilization. (10marks)
- (c) Discuss the contribution of the Egyptian civilization to the modern world in the architecture. (6marks)

Question two

- (a) Citing relevant examples define the term civilization in reference to archeologists, anthropologists and historians. (5marks)
- (b) Evaluate the salient features of a civilization. (10marks)

Question three

- (a) Outline five indicators of early food production in pre-history. (5marks)
- (b) Analyze the organizational impact of Neolithic Revolution to early man. (10marks)

Question four

- (a) Illustrate five factors that led to the rise of the Swahili civilizations. (5marks)
- (b) Discuss the characteristics of the Swahili Civilizations in East Africa. (10marks)

Question five

- (a) Assess the major economic activities of the ancient Ghana Empire. (6marks)
- (b) Describe the internal factors that led to the decline of the Ghana Empire.

(9marks)

Question six

- (a) Demonstrate the Hamitic theory in describing African civilizations. (5marks)
- (b) "Environmental factors contributed to the rise and decline of early civilizations in Africa". Citing specific example, assess the validity of this statement. (10 marks)

