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CHUKA & THARAKA

EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE  
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

HIST 151: SELECTED TOPICS IN GLOBAL HISTORY I

STREAMS: BED (ARTS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: FRIDAY 07/12/2018

11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.

**INSTRUCTIONS: QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY. CHOOSE ANY TWO  
QUESTIONS FROM THE REST**

1. (a) Briefly explain the meaning of the following terms and indicate the approximate years/period when these developments occurred;
    - (i) Paleolithic period [5 marks]
    - (ii) Mesolithic period [5 marks]
    - (iii) Neolithic period [5 marks](b) List the key characteristics of the Neolithic age [7 marks]
  - (c) Outline the significance of the 'Neolithic' evolution to human development [8 marks]
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2. Explain with examples the main achievements of Egyptian civilization [20marks]
  3. Greek historian, Herodotus (484-425 B.C) characterized the Egyptians as 'the most religious people in the world'. Do you agree? [20 marks]
  4. Account for the rise, characteristics, achievements and the fall of any one of the following ancient Mesoamerica civilizations:
    - (a) Olmec
    - (b) Teotihuacan
    - (c) Maya
    - (d) Toltecs
    - (e) Aztecs [20 marks]

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5. The onset of metallurgy ushered in major social, economic and political transformations in human societies. Discuss [20 marks]
6. 'The Germanic Barbarians succeeded in destroying the Roman Empire and bringing much of Western Europe under their control solely because of military superiority'. Do you agree? [20 marks]
7. 'The first century of the Abbasid dynasty represents the high point of classical Islamic culture and political power'. Discuss citing examples. [20 marks]
8. Discuss with illustrations the significance of Africa in global history [20 marks]
9. What was the contribution of the black in diaspora in understanding of African history [20 marks]

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