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**SCHOOL : SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**  
**COURSE TITLE : ISSUES OF AFRICAN HISTORIOGRAPHY**  
**COURSE CODE : HIS 410**  
**SEMESTER : SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2020 SEMESTER EXAM**  
**TIME : 2 HOURS**

## Instructions

**This paper has Sections A and B. Section A is compulsory.**

## SECTION A – COMPULSORY

1. (a) Explain five notable pre-colonial empires which were fully developed in Africa (5 marks)
- (b) Define the following terminologies in the colonial approaches to African History.
  - (i) Historiography (2 marks)
  - (ii) Eurocentrism (2 marks)
- (c) Discuss five sources of African history. (5 marks)
- (d) Discuss the role of slavery in the promotion of capitalism. (6 marks)

## SECTION B

*Attempt any two questions from this section.*

2. (a) Explain the factors which contributed to the decline of Christianity in the Maghreb region. (12 marks)
- (b) Discuss four characteristics of Islamic faith in Africa. (8 marks)
3. (a) Explain the significance of studying African history. (12 marks)
- (b) Discuss six limitations of written sources of African history. (8 marks)
4. (a) Identify two precious metals used in the ancient African Science and Technology. (2 marks)
- (b) Highlight on the African achievements in the following fields in the pre-colonial era.
  - (i) Architecture and Engineering (6 marks)
  - (ii) Medicine (6 marks)
  - (iii) Education (6 marks)
5. (a) Explain the following;
  - (i) Social Darwinism according to Charles Darwin. (4 marks)
  - (ii) Lamarchian ideas according to Herbert Spencer. (3 marks)

(b) Explain the usefulness of Darwinism theory to the society as expounded by its proponents.

(12 marks)

6. (a) Define Marxism according to Karl Max and Fredrick Engels.

(4 marks)

(b) Highlight on different fields of global academia Marxism has influenced.

(6 marks)

(c) Explain five beliefs expressed by Marxism about the society.

(10 marks)