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## University Examinations 2018/2019

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR  
OF EDUCATION ARTS

### EHI 3100: INTRODUCTION TO HISTORY

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2019

TIME: 2 HOURS

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question *one* and any other *two* questions

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#### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) What do you understand by the following terms (8 marks)
- i. History
  - ii. Scope of history
  - iii. Palaeontology
  - iv. Anthroponomy
- b) Explain the difference between primary and secondary sources of history and give examples for each (6 marks)
- c) Explain five methods of site discovery in an archaeological investigation (5 marks)
- d) How can a historian ensure authenticity of the information gathered using oral tradition as a historical source (5 marks)
- e) Mention three forms of oral tradition and explain their usefulness in the writing of African history (6 marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

Critically examine the usefulness and limitations of archaeology in the reconstruction of African history (20 marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

Discuss the role of social anthropology and its weaknesses in the writing of African history (20 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

Analyse the advantages and disadvantages of historical linguistics as a historical source (20 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

Describe various methods of dating of fossils in archaeology (20 marks)