

GARISSA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION 2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR ONE FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: BGS 110

COURSE TITLE: HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF GEOGRAPHY

EXAMINATION DURATION: 3 HOURS

DATE: 05/12/17 TIME: 09.00-12.00 PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

- The examination has SIX (6) questions
- Question ONE (1) is COMPULSORY
- Choose any other THREE (3) questions from the remaining FIVE (5) questions
- Use sketch diagrams to illustrate your answer whenever necessary
- Do not carry mobile phones or any other written materials in examination room
- Do not write on this paper

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QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

(a) Examine the various approaches of defining Geography.

[16 marks]

(b) Briefly explain the 'dark period experienced in Europe during the Christian era.

[4 marks]

(c) Explain the contribution of Immanuel Kant (1724-1804) to the development of Geography.

[5 marks]

QUESTION TWO

Discuss the view that Geography is the mother of all disciplines.

[15 marks]

QUESTION THREE

Examine the contribution of the following Greek philosophers to the understanding and development of geographical knowledge:

(a) Aristotle, [5 marks]

(b) Ptolemy, [5 marks]

(c) Eratosthenes. [5 marks]

QUESTION FOUR

Explain the origin and development of possibilism as a geographical paradigm.

[15 marks]

QUESTION FIVE

Assess the contribution of Muslim scholar to the development of geography.

[15 marks]

QUESTION SIX

Geography plays a major role in national economic development. Discuss.

[15 marks]

