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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(MMUST)**

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

MAIN EXAMINATION

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER

**FOR THE DEGREE
OF MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY)**

COURSE CODE: HIS 802

COURSE TITLE: PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY

DATE: 17/04/2023

TIME: 2:00 – 5:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

TIME: 3 HOURS

**MMUST OBSERVES ZERO TOLERANCE TO EXAMINATION
CHEATING**

1. According to Collingwood: The philosophy of history is concerned neither with 'the past by itself' nor with 'the historian's thought about it by itself' but with the two things in their mutual relations. To what extent is this view a reflection of what Philosophy of History is all about? (20 marks)

2. "The American Civil War (1860-1861) was a mistake which could have been, and ought to have been, avoided". To what extent does this statement reflect the problem of inevitability in historical writing? (20 marks)

3. According to Friedrich Meinecke, a major problem ensuing from Historicism revolves around cultural values. Attempt a critical statement of this evaluation. (20 marks)

4. Demonstrate the relevance of theory in historical writing. (20 marks)

5. Why is absolute objectivity hard to come by in historical writing? (20 marks)