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

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

MAIN EXAM

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER

**FOR THE DEGREE
OF MASTERS OF ARTS IN HISTORY**

COURSE CODE: HIS 810

COURSE TITLE: AFRICAN HISTORIOGRAPHY

DATE: 15/12/2023

TIME: 03:00 – 06:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

TIME: 3 HOURS

**MMUST OBSERVES ZERO TOLERANCE TO EXAMINATION
CHEATING**

1. To what extent do oral traditions and the living word provide “an integrated approach to the reconstruction of the African past?” (20 Marks)

2. In 1830, G.W.F. Hegel claimed that “Africa was not an historical part of the world.” To what extent would you demonstrate that this was a weak moment of judgment for this respected philosopher of history? (20 Marks)

3. Attempt a critical analysis of the role of ideology in the reconstruction of African history in the colonial and post-colonial era. (20 Marks)

4. How and why may the emergence of Africanist historiography be blamed on the antecedent of a Eurocentric interpretation of the African past? (20 Marks)

5. “The difficulties encountered in African historiography are already endemic when one looks at the continent’s physical geography”. Discuss. (20 Marks)

6. To what extent has the UNESCO General History of Africa succeeded in applying the interdisciplinary approach to the writing of African history?

(20 Marks)