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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024

**SECOND YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS**

EHI 3251: ARCHAEOLOGY

DATE: APRIL 2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Outline five meanings of Archaeology (5 Marks)
- b) What are the key goals of Archaeology? (5 Marks)
- c) Distinguish between History and Archaeology (10 Marks)
- d) Why is Archaeology important as a source of History? (10 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Assess the relationship between Pre-historic Archaeology and History (10 Marks)
- b) Elucidate the following forms of Archaeology
 - i. Environmental Archaeology (5 Marks)
 - ii. Ethno-archaeology (5 Marks)



QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) The New Archaeology is not really a single concept, but a group of ideas which are desired to make traditional archaeology more scientific. Basing your argument on this statement elaborate on New Archaeology or Processual Archaeology (10 Marks)
- b) Elucidate the information required to be recorded by the investigator while conducting exploration (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the following methods in Archaeology
 - i. Land Survey (5 Marks)
 - ii. Topographical Survey (5 Marks)
- b) Elucidate the following excavation methods used in Archaeology
 - i. Open-Area Excavation (5 Marks)
 - ii. Grid Excavation (5 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Assess five dating methods used in Archaeology (10 Marks)
- b) Account for different theoretical approaches used in the study of Archaeology (10 Marks)

