

**HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT
FORM ONE
TERM 2 2022 OPENER EXAM FORM 1
TIME: 2 HOURS**

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THE SPACE PROVIDED

1. Define the following terms:

- i. History (2mks)
• It is a branch of knowledge dealing with past events
- ii. Government (2mks)
• Refers to a group of people within a state or country given authority to organize, direct and control the affairs of that state or country.
- iii. Stone age (2mks)
• Refers to the very early period of human history when man's tools and weapon were mainly made of stone.
- iv. Agriculture (2mks)
• It is an act of livestock keeping & growing of crops

2. Identify Threes aspects of history that you have studied (3mks)

- Social history
- Economic history
- Political history

3. Give three importance of studying:

- i. History (3mks)
• Know the origin of mankind, development and progress
• Appreciate the achievement and learn from the failures of mankind
• Understand how human beings depend on and relate with each other.
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- ii. Government (3mks)
• Understand how laws are made and enforced
• Learn how to programs are formulated and implemented
• Learn how government raises and spends revenue
• Learn how power vested in different organs of the government are exercised

4. State the theories that explain the origin of human beings (3mks)

- The creation theory
- The Mythical or traditional theory
- the evolution theory

SECTION B

5. Give five limitations of using oral tradition as a source of information on history & government. (5mks)

- Time consuming
- It is expensive
- One might omit/some importance information
- May not provide exact date of events since it depends on human memory
- Information may be exaggerated

6. How does an archaeologist locate a historical site? (5mks)

- They look for areas where tectonic forces (faulting) or erosion have occurred, exposing surfaces that may clues of finding fossils and artefacts.
- Sometimes vision may help them find on the surface a small part of an early settlement.
- Historical research is also useful in identifying a site.
- An archaeologist may also be use his long experience and skills
- During cultivation and building construction, farmers and builders may accidentally expose ancient objects.

7. State five methods used by scientist to date fossils remain and artifacts. (5mks)

- Geological period
- Chemical dating (a) Radio – carbon dating, b) Potassium – argon)
- stratigraphy
- Fission – track dating
- Lexico – Statistic dating
- Statistical dating

8. Identify five sources of information on history and government. (5mks)

- Oral traditions
- Linguistics
- Anthropology
- Genetic study
- Archaeology and paleontology

9. Give five reasons why Africa is believed to be the cradle of mankind (5mks)

- ✓ The Africans savannas were ideal for primates
- ✓ The moist, warm and varied African climate supported animal and plant life.
- ✓ Many archaeological sites have been discovered I n the great lakes and region of East Africa
- ✓ There are many all Season Rivers located, making it possible for early man to spread to othe region as the continents were drifting.
- ✓ Africa is at the center of Pangea

10. Explain how early human beings used fire (6mks)

- ❖ Fire provided warmth in the night and during cold spells
- ❖ It provided lighting at night
- ❖ Cook roots and roast meat
- ❖ It was used for hunting
- ❖ Frightening or keeping away wild animals
- ❖ Improving tools, hardening tips of the wooden tools
- ❖ Means of communication
- ❖ Food preservative e.g drying fish & meat
- ❖ Made migration possible (more out of warm savannah)

11. **State the factors that led to early agriculture in Mesopotamia** (5mks)
- ❖ The region was endowed with indigenous crops and animals such as barleys and goats
 - ❖ Fertile soils consisting of silt deposits
 - ❖ Heavy rains experienced/ river waters used 4 irrigation
 - ❖ Good climate that supported crop growing
 - ❖ Availability of labour
12. **Identify four distinct stage of evolution according to Charles Darwin.** (4mks)
- ✓ Mutation
 - ✓ Natural selection
 - ✓ Isolation
 - ✓ Adaptation
13. **State four types of Australopithecus that have been identified** (4mks)
- A. anamensis
 - A. afarensis
 - A. robustus
 - A. africanus
14. **Give two features of homo sapien sapiens.** (2mks)
- ✓ Made weapons
 - ✓ Grew crops
 - ✓ Built huts
 - ✓ High brain capacity
 - ✓ Made tools of stool, ivory, wood etc
 - ✓ Made garments Art of catching fish
15. **State four advantages of written sources of information in history and government** (4mks)
- Preserve history since events are recorded for future reference
 - Can reach ta all literate people all over the world
 - Less costly compared to others like archaeology
 - Can be translated into different languages
 - Reliable since biases can be limited
 - Cannot be easily altered or changed