

**FORM TWO HISTORY MARKING SCHEME
OPENER EXAMS 2023**

1. Give two examples of oral traditions as a source of information on history and government. (2x1=2mks)
 - *Myths*
 - *Legends*
 - *Proverbs*
 - *Songs*
 - *Folktales*
 - *Poems*
2. Give one form of government. (1x1=1mk)
 - *Democratic government*
 - *Dictatorial government*
 - *Monarchical government*
 - *Aristocratical government*
3. Apart from creation theory mention two other theories that explain origin of man. (2x1=2mks)
 - *Evolution theory*
 - *Mythical theory*
4. Identify one method of irrigation used in Egypt during development of early Agriculture. (1x1=1mk)
 - *Canal/basin irrigation*
 - *Shadoof irrigation*
5. Which is the main dispersal point of the Eastern/highland Bantu. (1x1=1mk)
 - *Shungwaya*
6. State two religious roles of the Orkoiyot among the Nandi community. (2x1=2mks)
 - *Blessing warriors before going to war.*
 - *Performing rituals to avert epidemics.*
 - *Officiated religious ceremonies.*
7. Give the main reason why the early visitors came to the Kenyan coast by 1500 AD (1x1=1mk)
 - *To trade*
8. State one way through which a person can become a Kenyan citizen. (1x1=1mk)
 - *By Birth*
 - *By registration*

9. Give two economic factor that promote national unity in Kenya. (2x1=2mks)
- *Trade*
 - *Use of a common currency*
 - *Fair distribution of natural resources*
 - *Equal employment opportunities*
 - *Urbanization*
10. Give the factors that influenced the origin of local trade. (1x1=1mk)
- *Uneven distribution of natural resources.*
 - *Variation of climate and environmental conditions*
 - *Job specialization*
 - *Production of surplus from Agriculture*
11. State two disadvantages of using messenger to pass information. (2x1=2mks)
- *It is slow*
 - *One can give wrong information*
 - *Message can be forgotten*
 - *One could be attached by wild animals.*
12. State the main advantage of using air transport. (1x1=1mk)
- *It is the quickest in terms of speed.*
13. State two metals that were used as currency in pre-colonial Africa. (2x1=2mks)
- *Iron*
 - *Gold*
 - *Copper*
 - *Silver*
 - *Bronze*
14. Identify two early sources of energy. (2x1=2mks)
- *Wind*
 - *Wood*
 - *Water*
15. Mention two functions of ancient city of Anthens in Greece . (2x1=2mks)
- *Was a cultural center.*
 - *Educational center.*
 - *Sport center*
 - *Religious center.*
16. Give the main items of trade during the Trans-Saharan Trade. (1x1=1mk)
- *Gold*
 - *Salt*
17. Who invented electricity. (1x1=1mk)
- *Michael Faraday*

18. a) State five reasons why early man domesticated crops and animals during the Neolithic period. (5x1=5mks)

- *Due to population increase*
- *Stiff competition for food between man and wild animals*
- *Hunting and gathering was increasingly becoming tiresome.*
- *Natural calamities e.g. bushfire would push animals away.*
- *Climatic change made would food to be scarce.*
- *Over hunting depleted wild food.*
- *Some animals and crops were domesticated because of their economic value.*
- *Man, domesticated animals for other purposes e.g. for security and transport.*

b) Explain five results of early Agriculture in Mesopotamia. (5x2=10mks)

- *Man settled down and abandoned nomadic lifestyle to concentrate on Agriculture.*
- *There was increased food production.*
- *Increased population due to increased food production*
- *Led to the specialization some people concentrated on farming others became potters, blacksmiths and traders.*
- *Emergence of social classes in the society.*
- *Development of writing and arithmetic since people wanted to keep records.*
- *Development of religion since people began worshipping different phenomena that they thought influenced the agricultural produce.*

19. a) Give five factors that led migration of Nilotes from their original homeland.

(5x1=5mks)

- *Population pressure*
- *Need for more pasture and water for their animals*
- *External attacks from their neighbors.*
- *Internal conflicts*
- *Natural calamities e.g. drought and famine*
- *Spirit of adventure*
- *Human and animal epidemics.*

b) Describe the social organization of the Agikuyu in the 19th century. (5x2=10mks)

- *Family was the basic social unit and it was headed by a father.*
- *Marriage was highly respected and it was exogamous and polygamous.*
- *Several families with the same ancestry formed the clan (Mbari)*
- *The Agikuyu circumcised both girls and boys at puberty as a rite of passage from childhood to adulthood.*
- *The initiates joined age sets (Riika) where they were taught values and customs of the society.*
- *They believed in one god called Ngai the all-powerful and controller of life.*
- *They believed in ancestral spirits who were the mediators between god and them and they poured libations to appease them.*
- *They had special people like diviners, medicine people and prophets who led in worship and offering of sacrifices.*

20. Give five reasons for the coming of the Portuguese to Kenyan Coast in the 15th century. (5x1=5mks)
- *They wanted to find sea route to India.*
 - *They wanted to spread Christianity/reduce Muslim influence.*
 - *They wanted to take part in the coastal trade.*
 - *Due to desire for exploitation//spirit of adventure.*
 - *They wanted to challenge/stop Arabs and Turkish influence at the East African coast.*
 - *Wanted to revenge against Arabs.*
 - *Due to the deep harbors and they wanted to have control over them.*

