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FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

**FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION PAPER 2019/2020**

<b>TITLE OF PAPER:</b>	EARLY EAST AFRICAN HISTORY: FROM EARLY TIMES TO COLONIALISM
<b>COURSE CODE:</b>	HIS 417
<b>TIME:</b>	Two (2) hours
<b>INSTRUCTIONS:</b>	Answer <b>two (2)</b> questions. Questions carry equal marks

**DO NOT OPEN THE QUESTION PAPER UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO**

1. Discuss the importance of the *Periplus of the Erythrean Sea* to the reconstruction of pre-colonial East African history.
2. Why do some historians think that knowledge of farming and iron smelting were important to the peopling of pre-colonial East Africa?
3. Explore the birth of Swahili culture on the East African coast.
4. Why did Arabs fail to prevent Portuguese occupation of the East African coast in the 15<sup>th</sup> century?
5. Assess the impact of the slave trade on East African societies in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.