



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF NATURAL RESOURCE,
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND
AGRICULTURE**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS (GEOGRAPHY &
GEOSPATIAL TECHNIQUES)**

**COURSE CODE:GEO 1105-1
COURSE TITLE:HISTORY AND
PHILOSOPHY OF
GEOGRAPHY**

DATE: 1/2/2024

TIME: 1430-1630 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer question ONE and any other TWO Questions

Use illustrations where appropriate.

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1. a. While distinguishing between travel writers and geographers, describe the circumference of geography (6 marks)
- b. Illustrate the advantages and characteristics that Greeks had that contributed to their prowess in geographical knowledge (6 marks)
- c. Highlight what the following terms entail in contemporary geographical discourse
 - I. Positivism (4 marks)
 - II. Radicalism (4 marks)
2. a. Explain why the middle ages were referred to as the dark period in Europe (6 marks)
- b. Describe any 2 Muslim scholars' contribution to geography during the Dark Ages (9 marks)
3. Examine the areas of convergence and divergence in Alexander von Humboldt's contributions to geography with those of Carl Ritter in modern geographical thought (15 marks)
4. Describe the impact of Charles Darwin's evolutionary theories in the development of geographic concepts (15 marks)
5. Paul Vidal de Lablache is widely described as the founder of Human Geography. Discuss (15 marks)

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