



KISII UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS/SCIENCE) AND BACHELOR OF ARTS
SECOND SEMESTER 2023/2024
[JANUARY – APRIL, 2024]**

GEOG 104: HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF GEOGRAPHIC THOUGHT

STREAM: Y1 S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: THURSDAY, 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

DATE: 18/04/2024

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.***
- 2. Answer question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.***

QUESTION ONE

- Describe any three concerns of contemporary Geography (3 Marks)
- Citing the key proponents, distinguish between environmental determinism and possibilism (6 Marks)
- Discuss the contributions of the following to the development of Geography
 - Bernhard Varenus (5 Marks)
 - Immanuel Kant (5 Marks)
- Differentiate between idiographic and nomothetic approaches in Geography (6 Marks)
- Outline five main types of Chinese Geography (5 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

- Describe the contributions of the Islamic geographers to geographical understanding. (8 Marks)
- Trace the evolution of Geography as a paradigmatic discipline. (12 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Explain the effects of positivist movement and the quantitative revolution in geographical research. (10 Marks)
- b) Discuss the contributions of the following to the development of geographical thought
 - i) Alexander Von Humboldt (5 Marks)
 - ii) Karl Ritter (5 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Highlight any SEVEN contributions of the Chinese to astronomy and cartography (10 Marks)
- b) Describe the salient characteristics of the Early Medieval Christian maps (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Discuss the contributions of the following in the development of geographic thought

- i) Paul Vidal de la Blanche (5 Marks)
- ii) Friedrich Ratzel (5 Marks)
- iii) Carl Sauer (5 Marks)
- iv) Richard Hartshorne (5 Marks)