

**UNIVERSITY OF FORT HARE**

**HISTORY OF WRITING**

**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS**

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**ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**

### Question 1

- a. Compare the Phoenician and Greek alphabetic writing systems (10)
- b. Write notes on the importance of the Rosetta Stone (15)

### Question 2

- a. Why the Sumerian writing was called Cuneiform? (4)
- b. What raw materials were used as writing tools by the Samaritans? (4)
- c. Which writing system followed after Cuneiform? (2)
- d. Discuss the development of the Egyptian writing technology. (15)

### Question 3

- a. Give a brief exposition on the emergence of the Cuneiform writing. (10)
- b. What is scriptorium? (5)
- c. Which materials were used as writing surfaces by the ancient societies? (5)
- d. Briefly discuss the role played by J Gutenberg in the development of the printing press. (5)

### Question 4

- a. Discuss the work of the scribes during the Monastic period. (13)
- b. Discuss the materials and techniques used by the scribes in ancient scriptoria. (12)