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Main Examination Paper

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This examination paper consists of 3 pages

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Total Marks: 100

Special Requirements: None

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer all Questions
2. All answers should be accompanied by sketches where appropriate

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QUESTION	MARKS
1.	20
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TOTAL	100

QUESTION 1

The role of Kingship was influential in the social stratification of pre-colonial African societies and was reflected in the built environments.

- a. State five (5) variables of power. [5]
- b. Using examples from inside and outside Zimbabwe discuss the role of kingship in pre-colonial Africa. [15]

QUESTION 2

- a. What do you understand by the term ‘vernacular architecture’? [5]
- b. Describe the characteristics of two (2) Zimbabwean ethnic groups. [12]
- c. State how these characteristics would contribute towards what would be termed “Zimbabwean architecture.” [3]

QUESTION 3

- i. What can architects learn from the study of nomadic architecture? [4]
- ii. Name any two (2) examples of nomadic groups. [2]
- iii. Describe the groups mentioned above clearly showing how their lifestyles influence the nomadic built forms. [14]

QUESTION 4

Discuss the impact of slavery on traditional architecture and settlement planning in Africa. [20]

QUESTION 5

Vernacular building throughout Africa shows a variety of provisions for necessary community and household services. With the aid of examples, illustrate “built in” provisions for each of the following services:

- a. Religious sanctuary
- b. Food preparation and cooking
- c. Storage
- d. Burial sites

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