HISTORY & CITIZENSHIP GRADE 10

TOPICAL REVISION ANSWER BOOKLET

STRAND 1: THEMES IN KENYAN HISTORY AND CITIZENSHIP

Sub-Strand 1.1: Linguistic Groups in Kenya

1.1.1 The Three Major Linguistic Groups

1. The three major linguistic groups in Kenya are:

· Bantu

· Nilotic

· Cushitic

2. The Bantu linguistic group originated from West Africa (Cameroon/Nigeria area). They migrated east and south into Kenya. Four examples: Kikuyu, Luhya, Kamba, Meru.

3. The Nilotic linguistic group originated from the area around South Sudan. They migrated southwards into Kenya. Four examples: Luo, Kalenjin, Maasai, Turkana.

4. The Cushitic linguistic group originated from the Ethiopian highlands. They migrated southwards into Kenya. Three examples: Somali, Borana, Rendille.

5. The Bantu linguistic group is the largest in Kenya.

6. Traditional economic activities:

· Bantu: Mixed farming (crop cultivation and livestock keeping)

· Nilotic: Pastoralism (cattle keeping) and fishing (Luo)