



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2018/2019 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ARE 103: SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

DATE: 26/9/2019

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

1.
 - a) Define the term, "Sociology of Religion." (2 marks)
 - b) Give the importance of studying sociology of religion. (5 marks)
 - c) Briefly explain the following with regard to sociology of religion:
 - i. Sacred and profane (4 marks)
 - ii. Totem and taboo (4 marks)
 - iii. Religion as collective conscience (5 marks)
 - d) Discuss the sociological functions of religion in a society (10 marks)

2. Using examples, discuss the Marxist perspective on the role of religion in society. (20 marks)

3.
 - a) Give the historical account of gender inequality in religion. (5 marks)
 - b) Using examples, explain the role of religion as a contributing and impeding factor in social change. (15 marks)

4.
 - a) Explain how religion can foster social integration. (8 marks)
 - b) In what ways can religion emerge as a key factor in conflict situations (12 marks)

5.
 - a) Distinguish between church, denomination, sect and cult. (4 marks)

- b) Give the characteristics of sects (6 marks)
- c) Describe the causes of New Age Movements in Kenya (10 marks)