



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ARE 215: HISTORY OF ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION AND RELIGION

DATE: 30/11/2020

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Discuss how the Muslim community chose a successor to the Prophet after his death in 632 CE. (10 marks)
- b) Define al-Fitna and state its effect on later developments in the history of Islam (10 marks)
- c) Describe the social, political, economic and religious background of Arabia that led to the rise of Islam. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss the reasons and development of Sectarianism in Islam.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

In what ways would you say that the Abbasid dynasty (740-1258 CE) marked the golden age of Islamic civilization?

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss the features of traditional Islamic education.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Trace the origin and discuss the factors that brought about the divisions between the Sunni and the Shia.