



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

DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

ARE 0202: ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTIANITY

DATE: 28/10/2020

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Discuss controversies that led to the development of the Nicene creed (10 marks)
- b) Analyze the causes of the imperial persecution of the Christian church (10 marks)
- c) Christianity can be referred as peculiar faith. Discuss (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss the contribution of Egyptian monasticism to Christianity and society?

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

With reference to Christian proselytization today, discuss the merits and demerits of what Roman authors thought of Christian of their time.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss the contributions of the following church fathers to Christianity

- a) Tertullian or Quirinus Septimius Flavianus (c. 155-225) (10 marks)
- b) Cyprian of Carthage (c. 200-258) (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Was the diffusion of the Christian religion a cause or merely an effect of disruptive forces which led to the breakdown of the traditional structures of the Roman empire? Discuss.