



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

(A Constituent College of Kenyatta University)
University Examinations for 2015/2016 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF

BACHELOR EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ARE 204: BELIEF SYSTEMS IN AFRICA

DATE: 12/8/2016

TIME: 11:00 – 1:00 pm

INSTRUCTIONS.

Answer Question One and any other TWO questions.

1. (a) Show why it is not possible to win converts to African religion from people who are not Africans. (6 marks)
- (b) Analyze the various interpretations of the term “Africa” and the challenges thereof. (6 marks)
- (c) Explain how belief in God may have originated in African societies. (9 marks)
- (d) Account for the reasons why many Christianized Africans visit the diviners in moments of crises. (9 marks)
2. “African worldview is theocentric, anthropocentric, and cyclic.” Discuss. (20 marks)
3. Discuss the African ontology with reference to Placide Tempels. (20 marks)
4. Describe elements of continuity and discontinuity in indigenous African beliefs and practices. (20 marks)
5. (a) Differentiate between magic, witchcraft and sorcery. (10 marks)
- (b) Discuss the effects of witchcraft in the modern society. (10 marks)