



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

(A Constituent College of Kenyatta University)
University Examinations for 2014/2015

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS) (SCHOOL BASED)**

ARE 103: SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

Date: 2/12/2014

Time: 8: 30 – 10:30 AM

- 1 (a) Define and explain the following terms
- (i) Religion (2 marks)
 - (ii) Animism (2 marks)
 - (iii) Magician (2 marks)
 - (iv) Morality (2 marks)
 - (v) Political dispensation (2 marks)
- (b) Differentiate between magic and religion. (5 marks)
- (c) What is the focus of sociology of religion? (5 marks)
- (d) Explain what is meant by ancestral Cult and give an example from one African Community. (2 marks)
- (e) Establish the relationship between religion and culture. (8 marks)
2. (a) Outline the main purpose of the 19th century theories of religion supporting yourself with three sociologists. (10 marks)
- (b) Discuss the social functions of religion in the daily life of a people you know well (10 marks)
3. (a) Outline and briefly explain the various social dimensions of religion according to ninian smart. (18 marks)
- (b) Differentiate between sex and gender. (2 marks)

4. (a) Discuss the family values upheld by African Religion. (10 marks)
- (b) Distinguish any five African religious authorities showing their roles in the African Religion. (10 marks)
5. (a) Religion among African Traditional Communities is Holistic. Discuss. (10 marks)
- (b) Identify religious factors that influence change in society. (10 marks)