



# **MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY**

**University Examinations for 2020/2021 Academic Year**

**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**MAY-AUGUST SESSION EXAMINATION FOR**

**MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**ARE 502: CULTURAL BACKGROUND OF AFRICAN RELIGION**

**DATE: 3/9/2021**

**TIME: 2.00-5.00 PM**

---

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Answer Question ONE and any TWO questions**

### **QUESTION ONE**

- a) Define cultural understanding of religion (6 marks)
- b) Describe cultural heritage and its sustenance and protection (6 marks)
- c) Explain the anthropological understanding of culture (6 marks)
- d) Give some challenges of cultural change in African religious practice (6 marks)
- e) Discuss briefly the African concept of “I am because we are, since we are, therefore I am.” (6 marks)

### **QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

Discuss the cultural background of African Traditional Religious practices.

### **QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

Discuss the concept and meaning of culture in religious cosmology.

### **QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

Explain the role of material and non-material culture in in religious practice.

### **QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

Define and explain the place of value in society and discuss four aspects of cultural values in African religious practice.