



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examination for 2017/2018 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ARE 101: INTRODUCTION TO BIBLE AND QURAN

DATE: 19/12/2017

TIME: 11:00 – 1:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1.
 - a) Explain the importance of studying the sacred texts (5 marks)
 - b) Discuss the importance of Ancient Near East in the understanding of the Hebrew text (5 marks)
 - c) Explain the meaning of Sunna and Hadithi in the study of the Quran (5 marks)
 - d) Describe the structure of both the old Testament and Quran. (9 marks)
 - e) What does the following entail:
 - i. Textual criticism (3 marks)
 - ii. Form criticism (3 marks)
 - iii. Literary criticism (3 marks)
 - f) Explain the meaning of the Masoretic text and how it came to being (6 marks)

2.
 - a) Define the term canon (2 marks)
 - b) Discuss the criteria used in the determination of the books of the canon. (10 marks)
 - c) Explain the meaning of the following in terminologies as used in the extent of the canon
 - i) Homologoumena (2 marks)
 - ii) Antilogoumena (2 marks)
 - iii) Pseudepigrapha (2marks)
 - iv) Apocrypha (2marks)

3.
 - a) Explain the meaning of Septuagint and Qumran scrolls respectively. (4 marks)
 - b) Critically examine how the Septuagint and the Qumran scrolls influenced the formation process of the Hebrew Canon . (16 marks)
4. Explain how both the early life of Mohammad as well as the caliphate period influenced the receiving and compilation of Quran. (20 marks)
5. Analyze the similarities and divergences between the Bible and Quran in the formation process and content (20 marks)