



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations 2016/2017

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR APRIL SESSION SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

ARE103: SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

DATE: SCHOOLBASED

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question ONE and Any Other Two Questions

1.
 - a) Define
 - i) Religion. (2 marks)
 - ii) Sociology of Religion. (2 marks)
 - b) Discuss the positive and negative functions of religion in society and in the life of an individual. (8 marks)
 - c) Using Examples, explain the difference between church, denomination and cult. (9 marks)
 - d) Examine the relationship between religion and politics. (9 marks)
2. "Religion is a societal glue" Analyze this statement with special reference to Emile Durkheim. (20 marks)
3. Evaluate Herbert Spencer's theory that "ancestor worship is the root of religion". (20 marks)
4. **EITHER**
 - i) Discuss the relationship between religion and family values.

OR

 - ii) Describe how Religion evolved according to **EITHER** Edward Tylor or James Frazer. (20 marks)
5. Examine Karl Marx's theory that "religion is the opium of the people." (20 marks)