



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY
University Examinations for 2022/2023 Academic Year
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
THIRD YEAR SUPPLEMENTARY/SPECIAL EXAMINATION FOR
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

ARE 312: PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

DATE: 9/3/2023

TIME: 2.00 – 4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question One and Any other two Questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) By use of three appropriate examples explain how the study of philosophy of religion has fostered critical thinking concerning issues related to religion (15 Marks)
- b) Explain the relationship between philosophy of Religion and any of the following disciplines
 - i. Theology (5 Marks)
 - ii. Metaphysics (5 Marks)
- c) Give five grounds for the necessity of a course in philosophy of religion to a student of religion (10 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

God is omniscient and so we cannot have free will.' Discuss this statement with reference to free will versus determinism debate.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the view that ethics are the product of society and not of religion while explaining the contribution of religion towards moral society.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

‘Philosophers have proved conclusively that religious language is meaningful.’ Discuss.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the nature of the problem of evil (10 Marks)
- b) 'Moral evil may be the fault of humanity but natural evil is God's fault.' Discuss (10 Marks)