



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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University Examinations for 2015/2016 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA EDUCATION (ARTS)

ARE 0201: AFRICAN RELIGION

DATE: 12/8/2016

TIME: 11:00 – 1:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS.

Answer Question One and any other TWO questions.

QUESTION ONE

- a) Explain the relationship between divinities and Supreme Being in African religion. (10 marks)
- b) Identify the characteristics of man in the community as drawn by Van de Walt (1997) (10 marks)
- c) Explain five obstacles facing the study of African religion. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO

African religion is largely oral; describe physical and non-physical sources that show the existence of African religion. (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Elaborate on the roles of the following religious leaders in African religion:
 - i. The priests (4 marks)
 - ii. Medicine men (4 marks)

- iii. The diviners (4 marks)
- b) Describe what constitutes the spirit world (8 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Analyze the concept of death and thereafter in the African perspective (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Describe the functions of African religion in society. (10 marks)
- b) Elaborate on the various types of religious beliefs. (10 marks)