



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

(A Constituent College of Kenyatta University)  
University Examinations for 2015/2016 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (ARTS)

ARE 0104: PHENOMENOLOGY OF RELIGION

DATE: 4/8/2016

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

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## INSTRUCTIONS.

ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS IN TOTAL

1. Explain the term '**religion**' according to Emile Durkheim and briefly discuss **SIX** positive functions of religion. (20 marks)
2. Explain the theories of the origin of religion. (20 marks)
3. Briefly explain the term '**phenomenology**' and discuss **SIX** characteristics of phenomenology of religion. (20 marks)
4. Explain how the dimensions of religion are applied in a Christian wedding. (20 marks)
5. Define the term mysticism and discuss **THREE** characteristics of the mystical state. (20 marks)
6.
  - a) What is the importance of the ritual dimension of religion? (10 marks)
  - b) Give reasons why taboos were used in Traditional African Society. (10 marks)