



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2022/2023 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

ARE 312: PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

DATE: 17/4/2023

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any other two Questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain five ways in which the study of philosophy of religion is necessary to University Students. (15 marks)
- b) Explain the relationship between philosophy of Religion and the following disciplines any of the following disciplines
 - i. Theology (5 marks)
 - ii. Metaphysics (5 marks)
 - iii. Natural science (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

In Romans 1:20 Paul argues that what could be known about God had been made plain through the visible world. Discuss with reference to cosmological arguments for God's existence

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Explain the concept of miracle and then attempt a reconciliation between its (miracle) possibility with the scientific conception of the world.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) By use of appropriate examples discuss the view that the conception of heaven as a place where God lives is problematic (8 marks)
- b) Explain the current theologians' conception of heaven while clearly explaining its two main implications that may prove dangerous to the whole edifice of Abrahamic faiths (12 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Distinguish between natural and moral conceptions of evil and while explaining what it means when we talk of problem of evil (8 marks)
- b) Critically examine the dualist and privation theories of evil (12 marks)