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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

ARE 202: CRITICAL STUDY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT TEXTS

DATE: 4/6/2016

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1.
 - a) Describe the synoptic problem and give its scholarly explanations. (10 marks)
 - b) Explain the reasons for canonization of the New Testament. (10 marks)
 - c) Define Kerygma and outline its key elements (10 marks)
2. Discuss why there was a need for the New Testament Canon and account for the process of canonization of the New Testament. (20 marks)
3. Pick any synoptic Gospel and discuss it with reference to the following:
 - a) Authorship and date (5 marks)
 - b) Distinctive characteristics. (5 marks)
 - c) Relevance to Christians in Kenya today. (10 marks)
4. Discuss the development of the Acts of the Apostles and show its reference to the Church of Kenya today. (20 marks)
5. Discuss the concern of the Pastoral Epistles and show the reason why they are believed to have been written by Paul. (20 marks)