



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN BACHELOR EDUCATION (ARTS)

ARE 202: CRITICAL STUDY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT TEXTS

DATE: 11/8/2016

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 pm

INSTRUCTIONS.

Answer Question One and any other TWO questions.

1.
 - (a) State the reasons why all the Synoptic Gospels focus on the last week of Jesus' life. (5 marks)
 - (b) Describe the infancy narratives and explain the theological issues there-of. (10 marks)
 - (c) Describe the Synoptic problem and the different theories explaining its occurrence. (15 marks)
2. With reference to the synoptic Gospels, discuss Textual Criticism showing how it began and its aims. (20 marks)
3. Discuss the Gospel of Matthew with reference to:
 - (a) Date (2 marks)
 - (b) Authorship (5 marks)
 - (c) Place of writing (5 marks)
 - (d) Distinctive features (8 marks)
4. Account for the need of the New Testament Canon and describe the process of its formation. (20 marks)
5. Discuss the relevance of the Acts of Apostles to the Church of Kenya today. (20 marks)