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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

**FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)
BACHELOR OF ARTS**

ARE 410: WOMEN IN RELIGION AND CULTURE IN AFRICA

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DATE: 5/12/2017

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One (Compulsory) And Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- (a) Define the following concepts;
 - (i) African Religion (2 marks)
 - (ii) African Culture (2 marks)
 - (iii) Matrilineal Kinship family (2 marks)
 - (iv) Gender Roles (2 marks)
 - (v) Gender inequality (2 marks)
- (b) Outline the rationality of studying gender roles in religion and African culture. (5 marks)
- (c) Briefly discuss how African religion defines gender. (5 marks)
- (d) State at least five issues that are considered as taboo in African culture. (5 marks)
- (e) Give a brief description on the impact of national war on women. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- (a) Explain the role of women according to the Maasai culture in Kenya. (10 marks)
- (b) Analyze the participation of Kenyan women in social development (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Discuss the duties of women in African traditional churches. (10 marks)
- (b) Explain the impact of economic gender differentiation in life of a woman. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Critically discuss the following theories of gender differentiation

- (i) Conflict Theory
- (ii) Structural Functionalist theory
- (iii) Symbolic Interactionist theory
- (iv) Social cognitive theory

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

“The old testament is a product of patriarchal culture.” Discuss.