



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS

ARE 304: RELIGION AND POLITICAL MOVEMENTS IN AFRICA

DATE: 27/7/2017

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question ONE and any other two questions

1.
 - a) Explain the following terms:
 - i) Religion (2 marks)
 - ii) politics. (2 marks)
 - b) Define New Religious Movements (NRM) and highlight their types and characteristics. (8 marks)
 - c) Explain the relationship between religion and politics. (8 marks)
 - d) Explain the political aspects of the African Independent churches. (10 marks)
2. “In most African traditional communities, spiritual leaders performed political roles”. Discuss. (20 marks)
3. Discuss ONE of the following movements showing its impacts:
 - i) Dini ya Msambwa
 - ii) The Mau Mau movement
 - iii) Kinjeketile and the Maji Maji Rebellion.
 - iv) Kimbanguism(20 marks)
4. Using appropriate examples, explain how religion has provided an ideological basis to political movements. (20 marks)
5. Discuss the role of the church in politics in post-independent Kenya.” (20 marks)