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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION-ARTS

ARE 410: WOMEN IN RELIGION AND CULTURE IN AFRICA

DATE: 2/6/2017

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1.
 - a) Explain how proverbs and narratives reinforce women's image and justify the roles ascribed to them in Africa. (10 marks)
 - b) Analyze the impact of rituals pertaining to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) on the lives of women in the contemporary Kenyan Society. (10 marks)
 - c) Account for the gains of women in the 21st Century. (10 marks)
2.
 - a) Examine the impact of **any ONE** rite of passage on the status and role of women in Africa. Use Examples to illustrate your answer. (10 marks)
 - b) "Engaging both boys and men is a strategy that is central in eliminating Violence against women" Discuss. (10 marks)
3. **EITHER**
Using illustrations, discuss the contribution of Jesus' attitude towards women to the church in Kenya today. (20 marks)
OR
Examine the impact of Islamic teachings on Muslim women in the contemporary Kenyan society. (20 marks)
4. Using illustrations, analyze the role of gender in determining the status of women in any African Community. (20 marks)
5. Critically analyze Biblical and theological reasons given for the refusal to ordain women in some churches. (20 marks)