



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

ARE 529: CHRISTIAN INITIATION AND RITES

DATE: 29/4/2019

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and any other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Trace the history and development of the term sacrament. (10 marks)
- b) Identify the seven sacraments of initiation in the Christian church. (10 marks)
- c) In studying Christian sacraments, we begin by studying ritual and symbols in every life. Justify. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Describe the theological significance of Baptism in the church today.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Define symbol, and explain its importance in Christian sacraments. (5 marks)
- b) Demonstrate how the three-fold phases in the rites of passage are demonstrated in the sacrament of baptism. (15 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Vatican II is a watershed in understanding sacraments. Discuss.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the contentious issues surrounding the sacraments in churches today.