

MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR OF

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ARE 103: SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

DATE: 2/6/2017

TIME:8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

- a) Discuss the role of religion in the society according to the following scholars.
 - i. Emile Durkheim (5 marks)
 - ii. Karl Marx (5 marks)
 - iii. Max Weber (5 marks)
 - b) Examine the relationship between Politics and Religion. (15 marks)
2. Evaluate how secularization has contributed to the loss of functions of religious institutions. (20 marks)
3. With relevant examples, assess the role of religion in shaping gender roles in the society. (20 marks)
4. Discuss the major problems posed by cults in society. (20 marks)
5. Analyze the views of the origin of religion by the following:
 - i. Edward Taylor (10 marks)
 - ii. James Frazer (10 marks)