



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations 2018/2019

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

DECEMBER SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

ARE 215: HISTORY OF ISLAMIC CIVILISATION AND RELIGION

DATE: SCHOOL BASED

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

ANSWER Question one and any other Two QUESTIONS.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Examine how Islam reformed the negative practices in the pre-Islamic arabia in the following contexts
- i. Social (5 marks)
 - ii. Political (5 marks)
 - iii. Economic (5 marks)
 - iv. Spiritually (5 marks)
- b) Analyse political system of Islam focusing on Prophet Muhammad's era to the fourth caliph Ali bin Abi Talib (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain significance of five pillars of Islam to Muslims (8 marks)
- b) Trace the spread of Islam from Arabian peninsula to Kenya (8 marks)
- c) What is the role of mosque in Islam (6 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Analyse judicial system of Islam in 21st century (10 marks)
- b) Compare and contrast between social system of Islam and western social system (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Examine any five contemporary challenges facing Islam in Kenya today

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss the influence of Islam to any two of these communities

- a) Swahili (5 marks)
- b) Bajuni (5 marks)
- c) Somali (5 marks)
- d) Borana (5 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss why Muslims are allowed to marry up to four wives (6 marks)
- b) Explain philosophy behind daughters inheriting half of what their brothers do in Islam (6 marks)
- c) Discuss significance of Hijra in Islam (8 marks)