



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ARE 204: BELIEF SYSTEMS IN AFRICA

DATE: 6/6/2017

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1. a) Analyze the various interpretations of the term “Africa” and the challenges thereof. (5 marks)
- b) Explain how belief in God may have originated in African societies (5 marks)
- c) Show why it is not possible to win converts to African religion from peoples who are not Africans (10 marks)
- d) Describe the importance of rituals in African cosmology. (10 marks)
2. Discuss the African ontology with reference to Placide Tempels. (20 marks)
3. a) Discuss the African world-view. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the ontological laws governing African beliefs. (10 marks)
4. a) Account for the reasons why Christianized Africans visit the diviners in moments of crises. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the effects of witchcraft in the contemporary society. (10 marks)
5. Describe elements of continuity and discontinuity in indigenous African beliefs and practices (20 marks)