



# **MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY**

**University Examinations 2018/2019**

**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**

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## **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.