



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2018/2019 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ARE 204: BELIEF SYSTEMS IN AFRICA

DATE: 24/9/2019

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 there-of. (10 marks)
- b) Describe the importance of rituals in African cosmology. (10 marks)
- c) With concrete examples, highlight the reasons behind the continuity and persistence of indigenous African beliefs and practices. (10 marks)
2. With reference to Placide Tempels’ book entitled “The Bantu Philosophy”, discuss the African ontology. (20 marks)
3. a) Show the relationship of the following to indigenous African beliefs: (10 marks)
- i. Totem
- ii. Taboo
- iii. Magic
- marks)
- b) With concrete illustration, discuss the African world-view. (10 marks)
4. a) Many Christianized Africans visit the diviners in moments of crises. Account for this behaviour portrayed by these Christianized Africans. (10 marks)

- b) Using specific examples, state the effects of witchcraft in the contemporary Kenyan society. (10 marks)
5. Describe elements of continuity and discontinuity in indigenous African beliefs and practices (20 marks)