



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2022/2023 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR EDUCATION (ARTS)

ARE 410: WOMEN IN RELIGION AND CULTURE IN AFRICA

DATE: 19/4/2023

TIME: 11:00 – 1:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and any other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Describe the place and role of women in Islam. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the contributions of African women theologians in advancing for women leadership in religion. (10 marks)
- c) Explain impact of African culture on the role of women in religion. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Explain the views of the following scholars on the role of women in religion:

- a) Simone De Beauvoir (10 marks)
- b) Karen Armstrong (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe the images of women in African traditional religion (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the gender roles of women in African traditional religion (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) With reference to Jean Holm, discuss the gender inequality in major world religions. (10 marks)
- b) Explain why some churches do not ordain women into priesthood. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the role played by women in the Bible (New Testament).