



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Exams 2022/2023 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ARE 103: SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION.

DATE: 18/4/2023

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and any other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the following terms the following three stages of growth as outlined by Comte (6 marks)
- i. Theological stage
 - ii. Metaphysical stage
 - iii. Scientific stage
- b) Discuss the components of society that are explored in the sociology of religion and how do they interact with religious institutions and beliefs. (12 marks)
- c) Discuss the four main types of societies that are studied in the sociology of religion and how they differ in terms of religious organization and practices (4 marks)
- d) Explain the four types of sects found within our contemporary world (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss the five factors that necessitated the emergence of sociology

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Is it possible or likely that secularization will lead to the eventual disappearance of religion from society? Evaluate this claim.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

‘In what ways is religion like a Universal Infantile Obsessional Neurosis of humankind? Support your answer with examples and illustrations.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Is it accurate to claim that religion is a cause of poverty and that the most religious societies are always economically disadvantaged? Discuss.