



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations 2016/2017

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR APRIL SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (ARTS)

ARE 0103: COMPARATIVE RELIGION

DATE: SCHOOLBASED

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1.
 - a) Discuss the Basic beliefs in Islam. (10 marks)
 - b) Hinduism is best described as Orthopraxy rather than or orthodoxy. Discuss. (10 marks)
 - c) Explain the goals of religion in man's life. (10 marks)
2.
 - a) Explain the theories of the origin of religion. (10 marks)
 - b) Discuss the caste system in Hinduism. (10 marks)
3.
 - a) Explain the eight-fold paths that lead to Buddha hood. (10 marks)
 - b) Describe the best approach for the study of religion. (10 marks)
4. Compare and contrast the teachings of Islam and Christianity. (20 marks)
5. Describe the life of Mohammed before his call to prophet hood. (20 marks)



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ARE 0101: INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

DATE: SCHOOL BASED

TIME:

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Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1. a) Define the following terms.
 - i) Epistemology (3 marks)
 - ii) Theodicy (2 marks)
 - iii) Metaphysics (2 marks)
 - iv) Philosophy of religion (3 marks)
- b) Discuss the major branches of philosophy. (20 marks)
2. Support the argument for or against the notion that morality needs religion. (20 marks)
3. Demonstrate how you can Either use the design (teleological) or cosmological argument to justify the existence of God. (20 marks)
4. Examine the claim that the existence of evil is logically inconsistent with the proposition that God is omnipotent, omni-benevolent and omniscient. (20 marks)
5. Evaluate Kant's moral argument for the immortality of the soul. (20 marks)