



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2022/2023 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER MAIN EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELORS EDUCATION (ARTS)

ARE 215: HISTORY OF ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION AND CULTURE

DATE: 21/4/2023

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) 30 MARKS)

- a) Discuss how the Muslim community solved the contentious issue of the caliphate after the death of Muhammad in 632 CE. (12 marks)
- b) Explain the main achievements of the Umayyad Dynasty (660-750 CE). (8 marks)
- c) Discuss the five pillars of Islam. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Describe why the period of the four caliphs is regarded as golden age of Islam.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the five institutions of the early Islamic education

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Elaborate the Muslim contribution in Astronomy and Medicine

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

The hijra was a turning point in the history of Islam. Discuss this statement in view of the events in the Post - Islamic dispensation.