



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2018/2019 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ARE 103: SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

DATE: 22/7/2019

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) “It is difficult to define the term religion”. Explain (4 marks)
- b) Explain the function of religion to the individual believer and the society at large (10 marks)
- c) Discuss sigmund Freud’s psychological theory of origin and development of religion (10 marks)
- d) Differentiate between the following (6 marks)
 - i. Sects
 - ii. Cults
 - iii. Denomination

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

“Due to secularization, religion will eventually be wiped out in the society”. Evaluate

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Analyse the theological origin and development of religion as taught by Rudolf Otto

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Critically analyze the relationship between religion and politics in post-modern Africa

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

“Religion is a source of poverty; the most religious societies are poor”. Discuss