



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

DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

ARE 0104: PHENOMENOLOGY OF RELIGION

DATE: 24/7/2019

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Based on the class discussion, explain the term 'secularization' and write short notes on the types of the secularization process. (15 marks)
- b) What would you say are the advantages of the phenomenological study of religion? (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe the characteristics of the sacred according to Emile Durkheim. (10 marks)
- b) Briefly discuss the characteristics of religious symbols. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Briefly explain what a myth is and outline the characteristics of a myth. (10 marks)
- b) Define the term 'tottemism' and discuss its two types. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Explain how the dimensions of religion are applied in a Christian wedding. (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Give a brief definition of the term 'existentialism' and explain what you understand by Satres slogan, 'existence precedes essence'. (10 marks)
- b) Outline the functions of a myth in any given society (10 marks)