



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

AUGUST SESSION EXAMINATION FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

ARE 538: THEMES IN CHRISTIAN CHURCH HISTORY

DATE: SCHOOL BASED

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) State the benefits of studying Church History. (10 marks)
- b) State the roles played by the Emperors in the development and stability of Christianity. (10 marks)
- c) Explain the major factors that catalyzed the spread of Christianity within the Roman Empire during the apostolic period. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) "The problem of heresies was a great threat to the Early church." Discuss. (10 marks)
- b) Examine the main persecutions of Christians under Nero and Domitian. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Account for the split of the early Church and the rise of Papacy.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Identify the motives behind crusades and their resultant effects on Christianity.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Analyze the contributions of Martin Luther to Church History.