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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2019/2020**  
**SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR FIRST SEMESTER**  
**EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF**  
**ARTS & BED ARTS**

**ARE 215: HISTORY OF ISLAMIC CIVILISATION AND RELIGION**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

ANSWER Question one and any other Two QUESTIONS.

YOU MUST ANSWER AT LEAST ONE QUESTION FROM EACH SECTION.

**Section A**

1. Analyse the socio-political system of Arabia before Islam (10 marks)
  - b) Explain how Prophet Muhammad reformed the social-political system of Arabia between his first revelation to death (10 marks)
  - b) Briefly explain how the five pillars of Islam shape Islamic civilisation and religion at all times (5 marks)
  - c) Trace the spread of Islamic civilisation and religion from Arabian peninsula to Europe
  - d) Explain the role of madrasa in Islam (5 marks)
2. Analyse how Islam shariah shape politics in Middle East (10 marks)
  - b) Explain how judicial system of Islam work in 21<sup>st</sup> century (10 marks)
3. Compare and contrast between economic system of Islam and western economic system (10 marks)
  - b) Discuss significance of studying Islamic civilisation and religion for teachers (10 marks)

**Section B**

4. Examine how religion of Islam is practiced in Africa vis a vis middle east(10 marks)
  - b) Discuss any five contemporary challenges facing Islam in Africa today(10 marks)
5. Discuss the influence of Islam to any two of these communities (10 marks for each )
  - a) Swahili
  - b) Bajuni
  - c) Somali
  - d) borana
6. Explain philosophy behind girls inheriting half their brothers in Islam (10 marks)
  - b) Discuss significance of migration in Islam (10 marks)