



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ARE 103: SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

DATE: 16/12/2020

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms:
- i. Religion (2 marks)
 - ii. Sociology of Religion (2 marks)
 - iii. Religious Beliefs (2 marks)
 - iv. Religious Rituals (2 marks)
 - v. Religious Experience (2 marks)
- b) Using appropriate examples, discuss the functions of religion. (10 marks)
- c) Explain why and how Sociologists study religion. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss the functionalist approach to the understanding of religion.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Briefly describe the nature of religious beliefs. (10 marks)
- b) State and explain the types of religious organizations giving relevant examples. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the place of magic in traditional African religion. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the relationship between magic and religion. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss ritual as an element of religion. (10 marks)
- b) With reference to Max Weber discuss how religious ethics contributed to the rise of capitalism. (10 marks)