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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 21st 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)