



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2021/2022 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANTIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

ARE 312: PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the meaning of philosophy of religion clearly indicating what it involves. (5 marks)
- b) Explain five grounds on which the importance of study of Philosophy of Religion is based. (15 marks)
- c) Briefly discuss the relationship between *philosophy of Religion* and any two of the following Disciplines
- i. Theology (5 marks)
 - ii. Metaphysics (5 marks)
 - iii. Modern Science (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Examine any four Thomistic Cosmological arguments for God's existence briefly pointing at the strength and weakness of each of them.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) State the agnostic position with regard to the debate of whether or not God Exist. Expose the two argument they offer in support of their position. (10 marks)
- b) Clearly examine the belief among a cross section of theists that heaven is a place where God lives. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

As a student of religion, how would you console people experiencing all sorts of evils and painful experiences in contemporary world despite the existence of a loving and powerful God?

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the view that religious language is analogical. (10 marks)
- b) Briefly demonstrate Platonic influence on the *Western World's view on human destiny and immortality*. (10 marks)