



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

MAY-AUGUST SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

ARE 505: AFRICAN ETHICS AND MORALITY

DATE: 2/9/2021

TIME: 2.00-5.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question ONE and any TWO questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Is there a distinction between ethics and morality? (5 marks)
- b) Discuss five sources of African ethics (5 marks)
- c) Elaborate the Challenges to the subject on African Ethics (10 marks)
- d) Compare and contrast western and African understanding of ethics (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Citing relevant authorities, elaborate the discussion on whether African is inbuilt in religion or not

Or

Citing relevant authorities, elaborate if the African ethics a duty based or rights based ethics?

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Why is the African ethics character based?

Or

Why is it argued that humanism is the foundation of African ethics ?

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss either the understanding of common good or the communalistic ethics of African ethics

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Basing yourself on either Wiredu or Mbiti, elaborate whether it is the philosophy or culture or religion that guides African ethics.