



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2017/2018

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

ARE 227: THEORY AND METHOD IN THE STUDY OF RELIGION

DATE: Thursday 23rd November, 2017

TIME: 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer **THREE** questions. At least **ONE** from each section

SECTION ONE

1. (a) What is the importance of studying Religion in our society today?
(b) Using appropriate examples demonstrate the difficulties in defining Religion.
2. Identify **FOUR** distinguishing marks of Religion and show their importance in the context of the major world religions.
3. Discuss any **TWO** of the following theories of the origin of religion:
 - (a) Fear as the parent of Religion
 - (b) Religion as wish fulfillment
 - (c) Magic as the first form of Religion
 - (d) Totemism

SECTION TWO

4. Demonstrate how to collect and collate data in the study of Religion.
5. Make a critical evaluation of the contribution of two of the following scholars in the modern study of Religion:
 - (a) Karl Marx
 - (b) Edmond Husserl
 - (c) Ninian Smart
 - (d) Max Muller
6. Discuss the positive and negative impacts of the use of internet and electronic mass media on Religion today.