



## KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

### UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2014/2015

#### FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION AND BACHELOR OF ARTS

#### ARE 215: HISTORY OF ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION AND RELIGION

DATE: TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2014

TIME: 2.00 P.M – 4.00 P.M

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#### INSTRUCTIONS:

*Answer THREE questions, at least ONE from each section*

#### SECTION ONE:

1. Discuss how the Caliphate became legitimate institution following the death of the Prophet.
2. **EITHER:**
  - A) Analyze the achievements of the orthodox caliphs which shows that their reign was the “golden age of Islam”.**OR;**
  - B) Evaluate how Al-Fitna (the civil war) was a turning point in the history of Islam.
3. Account for the events that led to secretarianism in Islam and highlight the main differences between the Sunni and the Shi’a.

#### SECTION II:

4. Discuss the achievements of **EITHER** the Umayyad dynasty (660 – 750 CE) OR the Abbasid dynasty (750 – 1258 CE).
5. **EITHER**
  - A) Assess how the Qur’an and Hadith provide a basis for Islamic education.**OR**
  - B) Identify and discuss the features of traditional Islamic education.
6. Assess the medieval Muslim contribution to world civilization in any **two** of the following:
  - a) Mathematics
  - b) Medicine
  - c) Astronomy