



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2016/2017

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS WITH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

CITY CAMPUS – SCHOOL-BASED

ARE 110: AFRICAN RELIGION

Date: 22nd December, 2016

Time: 11.00 - 2.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer ANY THREE Questions, Question One is compulsory.



1.
 - a) Name and describe the five essential parts of African Religion (5 Marks)
 - b) Africa has a rich and diverse heritage. Discuss (10 Marks)
 - c) Bring out the communal aspect of African religions in the statement "Africans are notoriously religious". (10 Marks)
 - d) Using two African proverbs, explain how they are a rich source of African wisdom (5 Marks)
2.
 - a) Discuss the origin and nature of the universe (6 Marks)
 - b) What is the place of man in the universe? (6 Marks)
 - c) Discuss the statement that "man interprets the universe both anthropocentrically and anthropomorphically" (8 Marks)
3.
 - a) Examine how the belief of God may have originated (3 Marks)
 - b) Explain the meaning of worship and write short notes on the following acts of worship (9 Marks)
 - i. Sacrifices and offerings
 - ii. Prayers and blessings
 - iii. Religious intermediaries

- c) Independent Church movements are closely related to African Religions than does the Mission Christianity. Discuss (8Marks)
4. a) Describe the value of religion in a society (6 Marks)
- b) Write briefly on the following works of God (8Marks)
- i. Creation
 - ii. Providence and sustenance
 - iii. Governing work of God
 - iv. God and human history
- c) Explain the significance of the period of withdrawal in the African initiation rites (6 marks)
5. a) Examine the value and significance of the following (12 marks)
- i. Religious leaders: Medicine man, Rain maker
 - ii. Religious Places: Shrine, groves
 - iii. Religious objects: Ritual drum, Sacred stool Ritual Dresses
- b) Differentiate between Nature spirits and Human spirits (8 Marks)
6. a) Giving birth keeps parents in a state of immortality. Discuss(8Marks)
- b) Argue for or against the statement "Polygamy helps to prevent or reduce unfaithfulness and prostitution" (12 Marks)