



MASENO UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2012/2013

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS (HOMA BAY CAMPUS)

ARE 802: THEORIES OF RELIGION

Date: 20th July, 2013

Time: 2.00 – 5.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- ◆ Answer ANY THREE questions.
- ◆ All questions carry equal marks.

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1. Using examples, discuss the essence of a specified theory and demonstrate its importance to religious studies in the 21st Century.
2. Analyze any **four** theoretical perspectives in the study of religion.
3. By drawing examples from contemporary Kenya, critically explain the functionalist theory of religion.
4. Discuss the philosophical perspective in the understanding of religion.
5. Elaborate the extent to which you agree or disagree with Karl Marx's conception of the essence of religion.
6. Assess the future of religion in view of the humanist wave propelled by science and technology.