



MASENO UNIVERSITY

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

ARE 805: HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

Date: 27th July, 2013

Time: 2.00 – 5.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

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

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- 1) Critically analyze the fact that the Apostolic and Church Fathers were more concerned with how Christians lived than how they believed.
- 2) Elucidate the theory of “functionalism” of the following ecumenical councils showing how it relates to a community’s religion
 - a. Council of Nicea
 - b. Council of Ephesus
 - c. Council of Constantinople
 - d. Vatican Council II
- 3) Give a critical appraisal of any **three** of the following heresies and show how the church resolved them:
 - a. Montanism
 - b. Marcionism
 - d. Manichaeism
 - e. Monarchianism
- 4) Discuss the extent to which Arian and Nestorian controversies contributed to the understanding of contemporary Christianity.
- 5). Show the manner in which the Church in Africa is or is not alert to the doctrinal and theological issues raised by:
 - a. Calvinism
 - b. Liberalism
 - c. Fundamentalism
- 6). Explore the role of the following movements in response to cold rationalism and skepticism to the transformation of Christianity
 - a. Jansenist
 - b. Quietism
 - c. Pietism