



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2016/2017**

**FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY WITH  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**CITY CAMPUS – EVENING**

**ASA 409: ANTHROPOLOGY OF RELIGION**

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

Time: 5.30 - 8.30pm

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO.



1. a) Define religion and anthropology of religion. (4 Marks)  
b) Explain **FIVE** socio-cultural functions of religion. (26 Marks)
2. Discuss any **TWO** theoretical frameworks in relation to the study of religion. (20 Marks)
3. Distinguish among the following concepts of religion:
  - a. Cult
  - b. Mana
  - c. Animism
  - d. Animatism. (20 marks)
4. Assess the role religion played in achieving the goals of modernization and globalization? (20Marks)
5. Differentiate between a magician and a sorcerer. What role have the two played in strengthening the belief in the existence of a superhuman being in religion. (20 Marks)
6. Define religious fundamentalism and discuss how it has led to the rise of global terrorism. (20 Marks)