



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014**

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS) WITH  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(HOMA BAY CAMPUS)**

**ARE 103: HISTORY OF RELIGIONS I**

*Date: 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2014*

*Time: 11.00am - 1.00pm*

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Attempt QUESTION ONE and any other TWO questions.

**ARE 103: HISTORY OF RELIGIONS I (Homa Bay Learning Centre)**

Instructions: Answer **Question ONE** and any **other TWO** questions.

1. (a) State and briefly explain the importance of the study of religion.  
  
(b) Define religion as per theological, moral, philosophical and sociological definition and critique those definitions.  
  
(c) Highlight any four elements found in all religions. **(30 marks)**
2. Discuss the theories of the origin of religion as underlined by: **(20 marks)**
  - a) Clifford Geertz
  - b) Sigmund Freud
  - c) Emile Durkheim
  - d) Karl Marx
  - e) Mircea Eliade
3. Discuss on how Totemism and Oedipus complex has influenced the society today. **(20 marks)**
4. Religion is as old as the pre-historic man. Discuss in relation to preliterate peoples with special attention on African religion. **(20 marks)**
5. Evaluate the concept of God in at least four religions of India. **(20 marks)**
6. State and discuss briefly the practices and rituals of African people in general. **(20 marks)**