



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

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

(MAIN CAMPUS)

ARE 103: HISTORY OF RELIGIONS I

Date: 22nd July 2014

Time: 2.30 - 4.30 pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions..

ARE 103: HISTORY OF RELIGIONS 1(Maseno Campus)

Instructions: Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1. Write brief notes to explain the following theories on the origin of religion:
 - a) Animism and animatism
 - b) Fetishism
 - c) Totemism
 - d) Naturism
 - e) Oedipus complex

2. Discuss the philosophy and ethics of Jainism.

3. Discuss the composition of the following characteristic features of religions of the indigenous Americans:
 - a) Shamanism
 - b) Totemism
 - c) Manna

4. Examine six characteristic features of the religions of the pre-historic man and show how they compare to the features of world religions today.

5. Highlight five key features of the religions of the Eskimos.

6. a) What four ideas influenced scholars to study and develop theories for the existence of religions of the pre-historic man?

b) Explain any three approaches used by these scholars to study religion of the pre-historic man?