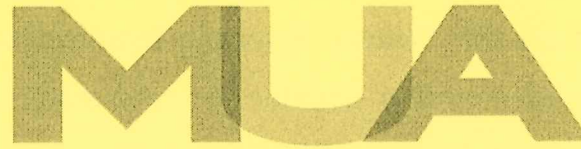


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DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

RES 215: SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

DATE: 5th DECEMBER 2022

DURATION: 2 HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 70

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write your registration number on the answer booklet.
2. **DO NOT** write on this question paper.
3. This paper contains **SIX (6)** questions.
4. Question **ONE** is compulsory.
5. Answer any other **THREE** questions.
6. Question **ONE** carries **15 MARKS** each.
7. Write all your answers in the examination answer booklet provided

QUESTION ONE

Read the Case Study below carefully and answer the questions that follow:

In the wake of the 19th Century European industrialization and secularization, three social theorists attempted to examine the relationship between religion and society. Emile Durkheim, Max Weber and Karl Marx. They are among the founding thinkers of modern sociology.

The French Sociologist Emile Durkheim (1858 - 1917) defined religion as a 'unified system of beliefs and practices relative to sacred beings' (1915). To him, the sacred meant extraordinary; something that inspired wonder and was connected to the concept of 'the divine'.

Durkheim is generally considered the first sociologist who analysed religion in terms of its societal impact (Ruth Mwalyo, 2021).

Required

- a) Durkheim believed that religion is about community. Evaluate three ways to justify the statement. (6 Marks)
- b) As a religious education student analyse four problems encountered in the study of religion. (8 Marks)
- c) Examine five ways religion helps people to communicate. (5 Marks)
- d) There has been unrest in most schools in Kenya. Examine ways religion can be applied to mitigate deviant behaviour in schools. (3 Marks)
- e) Explain the following as origin of religion.
 - i) Naturism. (1 Mark)
 - ii) Fetishism. (1 Mark)
 - iii) Define Pantheism. (1 Mark)

QUESTION TWO

- a) Analyse six dimensions of religion. (6 Marks)
- b) Examine the role of religion in peace building in the post election violence in Kenya. (9 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) John is a religious education teacher. Evaluate five approaches he would apply in teaching religion. (10 Marks)
- b) Examine any five functions of religion. (5 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Morality is a means to enhance social cohesion. Examine foundations of morality. (10 Marks)
- b) Evaluate the role of religious institutions. (5 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Religion experiences contemporary issues that affect its existence. Analyse four of them. (8 Marks)
- b) Outline three ways to curb the issues. (7 Marks)

QUESTION SIX

- a) Evaluate five problems affecting the future of religion. (10 Marks)
- b) Are religions of equal validity? Justify. (5 Marks)

