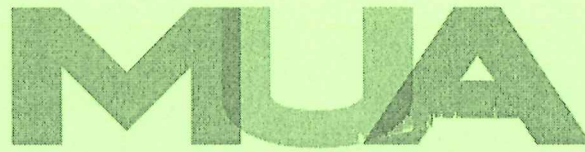


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DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

RES 215: SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

DATE: 29th March 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 questions that follow:

Man by nature is a social being. Through socializing man interacts with others in a way he may get solutions to some of the challenges he faces on earth. Human beings socialize in different ways; some of these are learning institutions, at work, play, political organizations and in the family.

Religion, however, plays a major role as an agent of socialization. In the 19th Century, three social theorists Max Weber, Karl Max and Emile Durkheim were the founding thinkers of modern sociology. Emile Durkheim, a French Sociologist (1858 - 1917) is however, generally considered the first sociologist to analyze religion in its social impact. It is from this that the study of the discipline sociology of religion emerged.

Required:

- (a) Analyse the sociological approach researchers apply in the study of the diverse world religions. (10 Marks)
- (b) Religion is a "societal unified system of beliefs and practices relative to sacred things" Emile Durkheim (1915). Justify the statement. (6 Marks)
- (c) Evaluate four ways religion is an effective means to self-confidence. (4 Marks)
- (d) Grace is a religious education teacher, analyse five ways she would inculcate discipline among learners. (5 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Evaluate religious influence in the constitution of Kenya. (10 Marks)
- (b) Examine five roles of religion to enhance social cohesion in your community. (5 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- (a) Religious education students in the Management University of Africa (MUA) wish to carry out studies on world religions. Analyse five approaches they would use. (10 Marks)

- (b) Describe five ways teachers apply religion to mitigate deviant behaviour in schools. (5 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Examine the role of religious institutions in resolving ethnic conflict in communities. (10 Marks)
- (b) Explain the value of religious leaders in society. (5 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) The constitution of Kenya outlines "Freedom of Worship" to the citizens. Analyse issues that arise in such freedom. (10 Marks)
- (b) Enumerate five factors that hinder religious future projections. (5 Marks)

QUESTION SIX

- (a) Explain any four dimensions of religion that hinder religious growth in Kenya. (8 Marks)
- (b) Examine the role of religion in peace building. (7 marks)

