



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY
University Examinations for 2022/2023 Academic Year
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION (ARTS)
(MAIN EXAM)

ARE 312: PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Do question **ONE** and **ANY** other two questions of your choice

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the meaning and scope of philosophy of religion (8 marks)
- b) Elucidate any four grounds on which you would convince students of religion to take a course in philosophy of religion (12 marks)
- c) By use of relevant examples, demonstrate how philosophy of religion can help in reconciling religion and empirical sciences (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20)

Examine the following arguments for the existence of God

- a) Teleological argument (10 Marks)
- b) Argument from morality (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Explain the concept of evil then discuss the view that its presence in the world is a proof of non-existence of God.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

In Romans 1:20 Paul argues that what could be known about God had been made plain through the visible world. Discuss with reference to cosmological arguments for God's existence.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Distinguish between evidence sensitive faith and evidence insensitive faith (5 Marks)
- b) Explain five ways through which faith and reason complement each other in pursuit of truth (15 Marks)