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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN
ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY**

SOCI 235: SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

STREAMS: BA (ECO & SOCI) Y2S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 12/07/2021

11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Question ONE is compulsory. Answer any other two questions.**

- Q1. (a) Give the exclusive and inclusive definition of religion. (4 marks)
- (b) Write short notes on the following religious concepts: Give examples to illustrate your answer.
- (i) Sacred (3 marks)
 - (ii) Profane (3 marks)
 - (iii) Secularization (3 marks)
 - (iv) Fundamentalism (3 marks)
- (c) Using appropriate examples, discuss the idea that religion is functional/ not functional for society. (18 marks)
- Q2. (a) Explain the difficulties in assessing the extent of religious belief in a society. (8 marks)
- (b) To what extent do you agree/disagree that religion is declining in modern Kenya? (12 marks)
- Q3. (a) Explain why some feminist theorists believe that religion is an instrument through which women are dominated and oppressed. (8 marks)
- (b) Assess the sociological explanations for the growth of New Religious Movements. (12 marks)

- Q4. (a) Identify and briefly describe two examples of marginal religious groups. (6 marks)
- (b) Assess the view that religion is a force that encourages/does not encourage social change. (14 marks)
- Q5. Explain the differences between the following types of religious organizations.
- (a) Church and denomination (4 marks)
- (b) Sect and cult (4 marks)
- (c) Assess the claim that religion is always and everywhere a conservative social force. (12 marks)
- Q6. Discuss how religious beliefs and organizations are related to the following in Kenya.
- (a) Social class (5 marks)
- (b) Gender (5 marks)
- (c) Age (5 marks)
- (d) Ethnicity (5 marks)
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