

JARAMOGI OGINGA ODINGA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGION

1st YEAR 1st SEMESTER 2016/2017 ACADEMIC YEAR MAIN CAMPUS – SCHOOL BASED

COURSE CODE: ARE 812

COURSE TITLE: History and Sources of Islam

EXAM VENUE: STREAM: (BEd)

DATE: EXAM SESSION:

TIME: 3 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer ANY 3 questions
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.

- 1. Islam has a long history and official sources whose knowledge stands as a solid background of any thoughtful venture into Islamic studies. Outline the major chapters and briefly comment on each of them (20 marks).
- 2. Should we talk about "Islam in Africa" or "African Islam? State your opinion (20 marks)
- 3. Argue over the following statement and show how it could promote or compromise peaceful coexistence of Christian and Muslims: "The Qur'an has a divine Origin" (20 marks)
- 4. "The specific events of the three Muslim Empires are a blessing or a curse to the House of Islam." Reflect on the veracity of this declaration. (20 marks)
- 5. "The reality of today' Islam is no longer the existence of Sunni, Shiites and Sufi but Fundamentalists, Reformers and Modernists. Comment on this assertion (20 marks)