



**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 2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR
MAIN CAMPUS – REGULAR**

COURSE CODE: ZRE 4124

COURSE TITLE: COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RELIGION

EXAM VENUE:

STREAM: (M.A in Religion)

DATE:

EXAM SESSION:

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. This paper contains FIVE (5) questions. 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. Discuss the life and teaching of Master Kong (Confucian) and show their relevance to the contemporary Kenyan society. (20 marks)
2. Ninian Smart states: “Islam, the religion of submission ... to one God.” Discuss your understanding of the statement by taking *Umma* as your point of reference. (20 marks)
3. In the absence of contemporary tools of interpretation, examine two common ways in which the early history of religions were written. (20 marks)
4. Religion of the Indigenous Americans, African Religion and Religion of the Indigenous Eskimos are “primitive”, “pagan” and “archaic”. Discuss. (20 marks)
5. “Naturally as we push back our knowledge further into human prehistory, we speculate about the lives of Our predecessors; and so ultimately we speculate about the origin of human religion” (Ninian Smart, 2002). Discuss. (20 marks)