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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
WITH IT**

COURSE CODE: ZRE 3112

COURSE TITLE: HISTORY OF RELIGION

EXAM VENUE:

STREAM: (BED)

DATE:

EXAM SESSION:

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer Question ONE (COMPULSORY) and ANY other 2 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. a) Trace and discuss the “History of the Study of Religion” with special focus on the ‘Earliest evidence of religious ideas’ (15 marks)
b) Discuss John Bowker (1934-) and Lord Herbert of Cherbury (1583-1648) views on how the earliest history of religion could be written in the contemporary times. (15 marks)
2. With appropriate examples from any Kenyan religion, discuss the dimensions of pre-historic religion and early human’s life basing your argument on:
 - i. Material Dimension (10 marks)
 - ii. Doctrinal Dimension (10 marks)
3. a) Provide an adequate analysis of the Vedas as taught in Hindu Religion. (4 marks)
b) Discuss the four parts of the Vedas. (16 marks)
4. Examine the importance of the fundamental teachings of Buddhism by exploring the four noble truths. (20 marks)
5. With relevant examples from your society discuss the following:
 - i. Totemism (5 marks)
 - ii. Fetishism (5 marks)
 - iii. Animism (5 marks)
 - iv. Anthropomorphism in religion (5 marks)