



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2015/2016

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

HOMABAY CAMPUS – SCHOOL BASED

ARE 102: HISTORY OF RELIGIONS I

Date: 23rd December, 2015

Time: 11.00 - 1.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer any THREE Questions.

1. Provide a detailed critique of any ten scholarly definitions of the term religion.
2.
 - a) Elaborate on three ideas that led to the study of religions.
 - b) Discuss four approaches that a scholar of religion can use to study history of religions
3. What are the major characteristic features of the religions of Eskimos?
4. Write short notes on the following theories on the origin of religions
 - a) Animism and Amimatism
 - b) Fetishism and magic
 - c) Naturism
 - d) Fetishism
5. Discuss the following beliefs and practices as found in the religions of the indigenous Australians
 - a) Belief in Manna
 - b) Belief in Totemism
 - c) Belief in supernatural Beings
 - d) Belief in Shamanism
6. Discuss the life and teachings of Guru Nanak