



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2015/2016**

**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE  
OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY AND  
THEOLOGY WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**MAIN CAMPUS**

**ARE 201: PHENOMENOLOGY OF RELIGION**

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

Time: 2.30 - 4.30pm

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer any **THREE** Questions. All questions carry equal marks.



1. Despite the problems encountered in defining religion, we need to develop some basic guidelines at the outset on which to base our later analysis. Discuss this assertion in light of definitions of religion.
2. Identify and critique four characteristic problems with traditional definitions of religion.
3. Nothing in our experience corresponds to pure sensation. Discuss this assertion in relation to limitations of phenomenological method in the study of religion.
4. Demonstrate in what ways phenomenology of religion is a method adapting the procedures of *epoche* and eidetic intuition to the study of varied symbolic expressions of that which people appropriately respond to as being of unrestricted value for them.
5. Discuss the relevance of one alternative to Religion today in Kenya.
6. With examples discuss the meaning of phenomenology of religion as advanced by ONE of the following scholars; Rudolf Otto, Mircea Eliade, or Van der Leeuw.