



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2015/2016

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

MAIN CAMPUS

ARE 307: WOMEN IN RELIGION

Date: 15th January, 2016

Time: 2.30 - 4.30pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer ANY THREE Questions; each Question carries equal marks. Extra marks will be awarded for clarity of responses, creativity and originality.**



1. Provide a critical analysis on how patriarchy in the African context has influenced the development of feminism.
2. Using relevant examples, show how the following individuals can be used to depict the roles of women in Christianity:
 - a) Mary Magdalene
 - b) Thecla
 - c) Perpetua
3. Discuss the following aspects in the lives of Islamic women:
 - a. Spiritual Equality
 - b. Marriage
 - c. Divorce
 - d. Economic position
4. Describe the status of women in Buddhism paying attention to:
 - a) Discrimination
 - b) Social attitude
 - c) Buddha's advice to married women
5. With a few illustrations, show how Pentecostalism has opened doors for women in Christianity.
6. Analyze how African proverbs and myths have helped position women in the African Traditional Religion.