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**KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION**  
**(ARTS)**

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2020  
Time: 8.30am – 10.30am

**KRE 2300 – SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) Explain the role of religion in covid-19 crisis. (6 Marks)
- b) Discuss the ideas of the following scholars in the development of Religion (8 Marks)
- i) Edward Tylor (8 Marks)
- ii) James Frazer (8 Marks)
- c) "Religion is a unifying factor". Discuss this statement in light of William Durkheim's ideas on religion and society. (8 Marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) "Religion is the opium of the masses" evaluate this statement in light of Karl Marx's ideas about religion. (10 Marks)
- b) "Religion controls the moral behavior of the members of a society" Discuss. (10 Marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) "Most world religions do not value the dignity of women". Evaluate this statement in respect to the relationship between religion and gender. (10 Marks)
- b) Distinguish the various types of religious organizations in the society. (10 Marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss the role of religion in Kenyan politics. (10 Marks)
- b) Using the ideas of Marx Weber discuss the positive role of religion in human society (10 Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss the relationship between religion and magic. (10 Marks)
- b) "Secularization will lead to the death of religion in human affair" discuss. (10 Marks)