



## GARISSA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION **2017/2018** ACADEMIC YEAR **TWO**  
**FIRST** SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: REL 211

COURSE TITLE: HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY I

EXAMINATION DURATION: 3 HOURS

**DATE: 13/12/17**

**TIME: 2.00-5.00 PM**

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### INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

- The examination has **SIX (6)** questions
- Question **ONE (1)** is **COMPULSORY**
- Choose any other **THREE (3)** questions from the remaining **FIVE (5)** questions
- Use sketch diagrams to illustrate your answer whenever necessary
- Do not carry mobile phones or any other written materials in examination room
- Do not write on this paper

This paper consists of **TWO (2)** printed pages

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### QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

(a) What is history? Discuss in detail why we need to study Church History. **[10 marks]**

(b) In your view, is the New Testament a reliable source for the study of Early Church History?  
**[15 marks]**

### QUESTION TWO

Critically evaluate how Christianity is related to both the Jewish and the Graeco Roman culture.  
**[15 marks]**

### QUESTION THREE

“The rise and spread of Gnosticism was perhaps the greatest challenge to the survival of the church during the second century.”

i. Critically assess the danger this movement presented to the Church. **[6 marks]**

ii. How did the Church respond to Gnosticism? **[9 marks]**

### QUESTION FOUR

Comment on the life of the church under Islamic rule by showing how the Church responded to Islam.  
**[15 marks]**

### QUESTION FIVE

Write notes on any **TWO** of the following:

i. Jerome **[7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> marks]**

ii. Ambrose of Milan **[7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> marks]**

iii. St. Augustine of Hippo **[7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> marks]**

### QUESTION SIX

Comment on at least three movements in the medieval Christianity that influenced reformation between 800 and 1500 AD.  
**[15 marks]**

