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 212

COURSE TITLE: HISTORY OF ISLAMIC CIVILISATION AND CULTURE

EXAMINATION DURATION: 3 HOURS

DATE: 05/12/17   TIME: 2 .00-5.00 PM

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**

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QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

(a) The term Mohammedans and Mohammedanism when applied to Muslims and Islam respectively are misnomers. Discuss. **[5 marks]**

(b) Explain **five** religious beliefs that existed in Arabia during the Pre-Islamic period. **[15 marks]**

(c) Describe the social evils prevalent in the Arabian Peninsula during the Jahiliyah era. **[5 marks]**

QUESTION TWO

(a) Give **seven** reasons why the pagan Quraish of Makkah persecuted the early Muslim converts.

[7 marks]

(b) Discuss **four** methods of persecution applied to the early Muslim converts in Makkah **[8 marks]**

QUESTION THREE

(a) Explain the significance of hijrah in the history and development of Islam. **[7 marks]**

(b) Describe **four** factors that led to the appointment of Abu-Bakar (RA) as a caliph in 632 AD.

[8 marks]

QUESTION FOUR

(a) Account for **seven** factors that led to the assassination of Caliph Uthman (R.A). **[7 marks]**

(b) Discuss the conversion of Umar bin Khattab (RA) to Islam. **[8 marks]**

QUESTION FIVE

(a) Give **five** reasons for the rise of the Abassid dynasty. **[5 marks]**

(b) Describe **five** achievements of Harun Rashid in the development of Islam **[10 marks]**

QUESTION SIX

Describe the episode of Israa Wal Miiraj and its significance in Islam. **[15 marks]**