



# **MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS HUMANITIES SOCIAL  
SCIENCES AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**COURSE CODE: REL 2114-1**

**COURSE TITLE: HISTORY OF RELIGION 1**

**DATE: 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2022**

**TIME: 0830-1030**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Question **ONE** is compulsory

Answer any other **TWO** questions

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**QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY. ANSWER TWO OTHER  
QUESTIONS**

1. a) The teachings of Buddha and those of Jesus Christ are radically opposed to each other. Yet there are some Buddhist concepts that can help in better understanding of Biblical beliefs. Discuss. **(15 marks)**  
b) Discuss the following two religions as reform movements:
  - i) Sikhism **(7 marks)**
  - b) Jainism **(8 marks)**
  
2. Sikhism is one of the most syncretistic of all religions. Using relevant examples, discuss the reasons behind this phenomenon. **(15 marks)**
  
3. Discuss the role and impact of Mahavira on the historical development of Jainism **(15 marks)**
  
4. Using relevant explain the meaning of the following terms within the context of African Traditional Religion:
  - a) Holism **( 3marks)**
  - b) Dynamism **(3marks)**
  - c) Communalism **(3marks)**
  - d) Fatalism **(3marks)**
  - e) Syncretism **(3 marks)**
  
5. a) Like much African Traditional Religion, Hinduism is fatalistic. Identify the belief that contributes to fatalism and its main effect on Hindu societies **(5 marks)**  
  
b) Discuss the impact of Mahatma Gandhi on development and change in modern Hinduism and further afield to the rest of the World. **(10 marks)**

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