



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL BASED UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER

**SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, SOCIAL
SCIENCES & CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
(SCHOOL BASED)**

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: REL 111

COURSE TITLE: HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY 1

DATE: 3/5/2023

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Question **ONE** is compulsory. Answer any other **TWO** questions

1. "One of the distinctive patterns of Church History is the repeated emergence of Protest movements in the face of increasing moral and spiritual decline within the established church of the day" (Dr Kim Tan)

Discuss the significance and relevance of the above statement in relation to the following movements:

- a) The Montanists **(6 marks)**
- b) Monasticism **(6 marks)**
- c) Novatians **(6 marks)**
- d) Donatists **(6 marks)**
- e) Priscillans **(6 marks)**

2. The early church faced formidable philosophical battles from within. Discuss the significance of that statement with specific reference to:

- a) Gnosticism **(5 Marks)**
- b) Marcionism **(5 marks)**
- c) Docetism **(5 marks)**
- d) Arianism **(5 marks)**

3. The rise of Christianity during the first 300 years can be described as meteoric and phenomenal. Discuss the factors behind this remarkable phenomenon **(20 marks)**

4. Discuss the causes and consequences of the persecution of the early church **(20 marks)**

5. EITHER a) Most historians have viewed Emperor Constantine as an Enigma. On the one hand he is seen as a Champion of Christianity. On the other hand he is seen as an enemy and the reason behind Christianity's decline. Discuss **(20 marks).**

b) During the first 500 years, the church had to brace itself for battle on a number of fronts. Discuss with specific reference to the following:

- a) Philosophical **(4 marks)**
- b) Moral **(4 marks)**
- c) Spiritual (4 marks)
- d) Religious (4 marks)
- e) Physical (4 marks)

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