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SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIBLE AND THEOLOGY**

JANUARY – APRIL 2019 SEMESTER

CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

COURSE CODE: CMN4123

COURSE TITLE: ISLAMIC STUDIES

EXAM DATE: THURSDAY 11TH APRIL 2019

TIME: 2.00PM-5.00PM

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- Write your **STUDENT NUMBER** in the Answer Booklet given
- This paper has SIX questions.
- Section A is COMPULSORY.
- Answer ANY TWO questions in Section B.
- You are allowed to use the Bible.
- Time allowed: 3HRS
- *Write clearly and legibly.*
- *ALL PAC University's examination rules and regulations apply*

Section A: Answer ALL Questions

1. Islam was born in AD610 in the Arabian Peninsula amidst a deeply polytheistic population. Enumerate in historical order important dates and occurrences from its inception to the death of prophet Muhammad (20 marks)
2. Give a brief explanation of the following Arabic words in English (10 marks)
 - a) *Idd ul-Fitr*
 - b) *Zakat*
 - c) *Qur'an*
 - d) *Adhan*
 - e) *Kafir*
 - f) *khalifa*
 - g) *Dhimmi*
 - h) *Hadeeth*
 - i) *Masjid*
 - j) *Shahada*

Section B: Answer ANY TWO Questions

3. Islam is one of the growing religions in the East African region. In light of the increasing Islamic fundamentalism discuss the following:
 - a) Muslim attitude to *ahl-al-Khitab* (5 marks).
 - b) The various areas of Christian-Muslim dialogue (5 marks)
 - c) The relevant ways in which the Church should respond as approaches for evangelizing Muslims (5 marks).
4. Islamic religious practice is anchored on five pillars.
 - a. State and briefly explain the FIVE 'Pillars' of Islam (10 marks)
 - b. Explain how Christians should respond to the Islamic practices surrounding each of the pillars. Give examples to illustrate your answer. (5 marks).
5. Describe the following different groups within Islam and indicate the unique characteristics that differentiate them.
 - a) Sunni (5 marks)
 - b) Shia (5 marks)
 - c) Sufi (5 marks)
6. Change in society necessitates certain changes for purposes of order and growth. The Kenyan society has seen dynamic changes including in the areas of constitution, economics, family and practice of religion. Giving examples discuss the following:
 - a) The place of women in Islam (5 marks)
 - b) The function and jurisdiction of the Kadhi Courts (5 marks)
 - c) Islamic *da'wah* (5 marks)