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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024

THIRD YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR
OF EDUCATION ARTS

ECR 3350: ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF ISLAM

DATE: APRIL 2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Account for the differences among four schools in Islam (4 Marks)
- b) What were the roles of prophets according to the Islamic faith? (5 Marks)
- c) Analyze the two major divisions in Islam (4 Marks)
- d) Briefly relate the concept of hadith in Islam (5 Marks)
- e) Elucidate **four** teachings of Prophet Mohammad (4 Marks)
- f) Highlight the **five** fixed times of prayer in Islam (5 Marks)
- g) What is the value of the Islamic Scriptures to Muslims and Kenya as a nation? (3 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the background to the origin of Islam (10 Marks)



b) "A believer who sin in a Muslim Community ceases to be a member of the community". Discuss this statement in the light of the *kharijites* doctrine on a grave Sinner (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a) A heated argument arose between a Christian and a Muslim about the existence of God and the Angels. Explain your response as a student of Origin and Development of Islam (10 Marks)

b) Evaluate the concept of Pilgrimage to Mecca by Muslim adherents (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) There are various obligatory rituals, beliefs and practices which every Muslim must adhere to. Validate this statement (10 Marks)

b) Determine various sources of authority in the Islamic faith (6 Marks)

c) Elucidate **four** articles of faith in Islam (4 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

a) Give a brief description of the Qur'an as a holy book in Islam (5 Marks)

b) Account for the supremacy of the *Qur'an* over all other divine Scriptures in Islam (15 Marks)

