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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)



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- 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)

