



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR
FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

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

**COURSE CODE: REL 412
COURSE TITLE: RELIGION AND POLITICS**

DATE: 3/5/2023

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

1. Using relevant examples, expound on the truth or otherwise of the following statements:

a) "Democracy recognizes both the biblical doctrine of the dignity and depravity of human beings." John Stott. **(6 marks)**

b) "The outbreak of the Gulf war in 1991 illustrates the inclination of societies to equate God with national agendas." David Shenk. **(6marks)**

c) "Unfortunately, there have been times when religion has been made an instrument of political ideology" Father James Schall. **(6 marks)**

d) The State's Authority is God's authority. **(6 marks)**

e) "Religion is the Opium of the People" Karl Marx **(6marks)**

2. Whenever any institution including the church, perceives itself to be the ultimate authority, there will be abuse of power. Discuss with relevant examples **(20 marks)**

3. Although Jesus was not involved in Politics, there is a sense in which his ministry was political. Discuss **(20 marks)**

4. There comes a time when Civil disobedience is a Christian's duty. Using relevant examples, expound on the veracity or otherwise of that statement. **(20 marks)**

5. Assess the legacy and impact of Mahatma Gandhi's spirituality on global politics **(20 marks)**

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