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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN  
RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**RELI 814: AFRICAN CHRISTIANITY (1800-PRESENT)**

**STREAMS: MA (RELIGIOUS STUDIES) (PART TIME)**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 04/12/2018**

**8.30 A.M. – 11.30 A.M.**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Answer question ONE and any other three questions.**

1. “One success story in Africa especially after the colonial period is the growth of the Christian church.” (Jenkins 2002, Nkonge 2012)
  - (a) Critically evaluate this statement. (2 marks)
  - (b) What do you think continues to cause the growth of the Christian church in Africa. (7 marks)
  - (c) In your view, does the church in Africa have a future? Give reasons. (6 marks)
2.
  - (i) Why do some African scholars feel that if Christianity qualifies to be called European religion, it also qualifies to be called an African religion? (6 marks)
  - (ii) Describe the missionary activity in Africa between 1840 and 1900. (9 marks)
3.
  - (i) Discuss the life and call of any leader of an African institutes churches.
  - (ii) Using the Kimbanguist church as an example, discuss the main short comings and successes of the African Institutes churches.
4. “The Church in Africa is disintegrating at the centre while expanding at the circumference.” (Roland Oliver)
  - (i) Critically evaluate this statement. (2 marks)

- (ii) Discuss the main challenges facing the African church today. (9 marks)
  - (iii) How has the world council of churches (WCC) endeavored to address some of these challenges? (4 marks)
5. (i) Explain the role of Henry Venn's three selves in developing a stable church in Africa. (6 marks)
- (ii) Elucidate the contribution of any of the following church leaders to the growth of the church in Kenya.
- (i) John Gatu
  - (ii) Maurice Otunga
  - (iii) Alexander Muge (9 marks)
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