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FIRST SEMESTER 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

RELI 412: HISTORY OF THE CHURCH IN AFRICA

STREAM: BED ARTS

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: WEDNESDAY [8.30 A.M-10.30 A.M]

DATE: 4/02/2026

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO (2) PAGES

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INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTIONS ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO.

QUESTION ONE

- a) Write brief notes on the following terms as applied in the history of the church in Africa
- i) Padroado, (2 Marks)
 - ii) Heresy (2 Marks)
 - iii) Arianism, (2 Marks)
 - iv) Judaizers (2Mks)
 - v) Incluturation (2 Marks)
- b) What was the contribution of the Quakers, the Moravians, and the Methodists to the church in Africa (10 Marks)
- c) How was the Rabbai Mission Church of 1846 in Kilifi, Kenya, the trigger for the scramble and partition of Africa? (12 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) Explain **the effect of** the papal decree called the Padroado concerning the church in Africa. (10 Marks)
- b) Examine factors that hindered efforts to evangelize sub-Saharan Africa by the North African church (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Tradition holds that Mark John was the founder of the North African church. Examine the contributions of Paul, Barnabas, and Peter as mentors of Mark John (12 Marks)
- b) Highlight some of the earliest contacts with Judaism that may have been the roots of the church in Africa. (8 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Explain how the missionary policy of Gregory XVI was an important document in the Catholic missionary work in Africa (10 Marks)
- b) Assess the validity of truth in Pope Benedict XVI, comment “The African Continent is the Lung of the Church”. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Is Christianity in Africa a fruit of colonialism? Critically discuss. (14 Marks)
- b) Explain the disproportional contribution of African bishops Augustine of Hippo and Athanasius of Alexandria (6 Marks)

QUESTION SIX

- a) What factors contributed to the spread of the church in central Africa (10 Marks)
- b) The execution of the **Uganda Martyrs** (1885–1887) under **Kabaka Mwangi II** (10 Marks)