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RES 111: INTRODUCTION TO RELIGION

DATE: 27TH JULY 2022

DURATION: 2 HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 70

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Write your registration number on the answer booklet.
- 2. DO NOT write on this question paper.
- 3. This paper contains SIX (6) questions.
- 4. Question ONE is compulsory.
- 5. Answer any other THREE questions.
- 6. Question ONE carries 25 MARKS and the rest carry 15 MARKS each.
- 7. Write all your answers in the Examination answer booklet provided.

QUESTION ONE

Read the case study below carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Religious study is an important discipline to be taught at all levels of education. This is due to the functions of inculcating moral values in learners; and the vital role in the molding of human beings especially the youth in society. This is due to the contemporary issues affecting the society of which youth are the most vulnerable.

It is therefore important to examine the study of religion in the cultural and the social context, understand the purpose of religion in the lives of individuals and the society. Teachers need to have a broader understanding of world religions and their influence on human existence.

Required

- a) Describe the appropriate methodologies teachers would use in the teaching of religion.
 (8 Marks)
- b) In your study of Buddhism as a religion, analyze the four sights that led to the Great Renunciation.(8 Marks)
- c) Examine how religion operates at the social level to solve related social problems. (3 Marks)
- d) Citing examples, discuss the role of divinities in African traditional religion.

 (6 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

a) The African traditional religion emphasized the relation of man and God.

Analyze five of the main significance of the African conception of God.

(10 Marks)

b) Evaluate five socio-religious institutions in which the African traditional religions inculcated its values. (5 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

a) Examine the roles of any five religious specialists in the religious sects.

(5 Marks)

b) The study and practices of religious advocate for righteous and happy life, however, the human life is permeated with misery and suffering as well. As a result religious have to teach and advocate for the truth of the path to cessation of suffering. Outline the eight noble truth of the path as practiced in Buddhism.

(8 Marks)

c) Describe any two appropriate ways to develop and sustain the noble path as taught by Gautama Buddha. (2 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) With reference to Kenya, discuss five contemporary issues affecting religion today. (10 Marks)
- b) Examine ways such problems can be mitigated. (5 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

a) Analyze three factors that led to the scholarly investigation of religion.

(6 Marks)

b) Citing relevant examples, explain the importance for inculcating religious education studies in the education curriculum in Kenya.

(9 Marks)

QUESTION SIX

- a) Evaluate three principal functions of religion in the life of the African Community. (9 Marks)
- b) The modern society is faced with evil practices. This erodes the social fabric especially the family. Enumerate six ways a religious education teacher would mitigate the problem mentioned above among learners in schools. (6 Marks)

