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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION 2013**

**1ST YEAR 2ND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS WITH IT**

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**MAIN**

**COURSE CODE: ARE 103**

**TITLE: HISTORY OF RELIGION I**

**DATE: 2/5/2013**

**TIME: 14.00-16.00PM**

**DURATION: 2 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. This paper contains FIVE (5) questions**
- 2. Answer question 1 (Compulsory) and ANY other 2 Questions**
- 3. Write all answers in the booklet provided**

1. Discuss ten characteristic features of the religions of the pre-historic man and show their relevance to world religions that you learnt in the **History of Religion I**. **(30 marks)**
  
2. Discuss the “History of the Study of Religion” by basing yourself on the following: **(20 marks)**
  - i) Neolithic religions
  - ii) Axial Age
  - iii) Middle Ages
  - iv) Modern Period.
  
3. Compare the characteristic features of religions of the indigenous Australians with those of the Eskimos. **(20 marks)**
  
4. Examine the importance of the fundamental teachings of Buddhism by exploring the four noble truths. **(20 marks)**
  
5. Explain the teaching of Vedic Hinduism by writing short notes on the following prominent themes: **(20 marks)**
  - i) Vedic deities or gods
  - ii) Vedic rituals
  - iii) The caste system