

ARE 201 Phenomenology of Religion (Regular Students, August 2013)

1. (a) State Husserl's description of the Phenomenological Method. (5 Marks)
(b) Apply the Phenomenological method to Kurova Guva ceremony. (25 Marks)

2. How is Phenomenology of Religion both a reaction and a response to:
 - (a) Naive positivism in regard to religion (5 Marks)
 - (b) Limitations of social scientific reductionism (5 Marks)
 - (c) Evolutionary reductionism (5 Marks)
 - (d) Theological reductionism (5 marks)

3. What is Hermeneutics? (20 Marks)

4. With the aid of clear examples, discuss the meaning and inter-relationship of myths and rituals. (20 marks)

5. "African Religions are pre-literate and thus inferior to religions with written scriptures." Discuss this theoretical statement. (20 Marks)