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COURSE CODE: ZRE 3111

INTRODUCTION TO RELIGION

STREAM: (BED)

DATE:

EXAM SESSION:

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer question 1 and any other 2 questions**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

Q1. 1. (a) Discuss the etymology of the term 'religion'. (15 Marks)
(b) "Religion is an elusive concept." Respond to this assertion with relevant examples (15 Marks)

Q2. "Practically, the distinction between religion and magic is one of emphasis: similar metaphysical premises underlie both magical and religious beliefs and practices." With examples, examine this statement by outlining the similarities of religion and magic (20 Marks)

Q3. Any religion which expects to sustain itself must have a set of characteristics enhancing its inner capacity to withstand external pressure. Discuss (20 Marks)

Q.4 Elucidate on any five contemporary examples which illustrate how religion is forceful in society (20 Marks)

Q 5 Explain the extent to which religion can be perceived to be dysfunctional in life of the believer and society (20 Marks)

Q6. Discuss any FIVE typological dimensions of religious means (20 marks)