UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2005

TITLE OF PAPER	:	PHENOMENOLOGY OF RELIGION
COURSE CODE	:	T1P2/IDE-T1P2
TIME ALLOWED	:	TWO (2) HOURS
TOTAL MARKS	:	100
INSTRUCTIONS	:	1. ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS, AT LEAST ONE QUESTION MUST BE ATTEMPTED FROM EACH SECTION.
		2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

Write short notes on any **two** of the following approaches to the study of religion:

(a)   Theology
(b)   Sociology of Religion
(c)   Psychology of Religion

QUESTION 2

"What has no value ceases to exist. Religion exists. Therefore religion has value". Discuss.

QUESTION 3

Discuss the importance of phenomenology in the study of religion.

QUESTION 4

"Myths serve a cosmological role of explaining why things are as they are". Discuss the meaning of this statement using examples from **one** religious tradition.

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

With examples, explain the main features of "revealed religions".

QUESTION 6

"Africans are notoriously religious, and each people has its own religious system with a set of beliefs and practices" (Mbiti). Discuss this statement with particular reference to Swazi Traditional Religion.

QUESTION 7

Select **one** of the following religions and identify and discuss its unique features:

(i)   Hinduism
(ii)   Buddhism
(iii)   Judaism
(iv)   Islam
(v)   The Baha'i Faith

QUESTION 8

How do the religions of the world deal with the universal human need for "salvation"? Give examples from at least **four** different world religions.