

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES
SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 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.

THIS QUESTION PAPER MUST NOT BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.

SECTION A**QUESTION 1**

Comment on Karl Marx's claim that "religion is the opium of the people".

QUESTION 2

Discuss how the theory of evolution has been used to explain both religion and society.

QUESTION 3

Evaluate the following approaches to the study of religion:

- (i) Anthropology of religion
- (ii) Phenomenology of religion

QUESTION 4

"Rites of passage mark important stages in a person's life". Discuss.

SECTION B**QUESTION 5**

Explain the similarities and differences between Hinduism and Buddhism.

QUESTION 6

What are the distinctive features of African Traditional Religions?

QUESTION 7

Explain how the Ten Commandments define a person's duties to God and to neighbour.

QUESTION 8

Examine the roles of the different religions of the world in our day and age.