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UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES
FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2005

- TITLE OF PAPER** : **SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION**
- COURSE CODE** : **T2P3/IDE-T2P3**
- TIME ALLOWED** : **THREE (3) HOURS**
- INSTRUCTIONS** :
- 1. QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY AND MUST BE ANSWERED BY ALL CANDIDATES.**
 - 2. ANSWER ANY OTHER THREE QUESTIONS. YOU MUST ANSWER A TOTAL OF FOUR QUESTIONS.**
 - 3. DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE OF THE LITERATURE YOU HAVE STUDIED AND GOOD COMMAND OF ENGLISH WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN AWARDING A GRADE.**
 - 4. SPEND MORE THAN FORTY-FIVE MINUTES PER QUESTION.**

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

QUESTION 1 [40] [This question is compulsory]

In the light of Article 18 of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* and some selected aspects of the eleven comments provided by the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations, discuss the religious clause in the "Draft Constitution of the Kingdom of Swaziland". Your argument should take into account the debate stimulated by this clause in the public area and the legislature.

QUESTION 2

Discuss the major contribution of Cantwell Smith on the definition of religion. Why do you find his views appropriate or not appropriate? [20 marks]

QUESTION 3

What lessons can you draw from the Church - State debate? Describe the contributions of Troeltsch, Stark and Wachs. [20 marks]

QUESTION 4

Discuss the major ideas of Max Weber in the *Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*. [20 marks]

QUESTION 5

What are the major arguments J. Milton Yinger raises on the definition of religion. Compare and contrast his definition with those of Frazer, Durkheim, Malinowski, Tylor and Geertz. [20 marks]

QUESTION 6

Discuss in detail the contributions of Sue Morgan in the feminist approaches to the study of religion. [20 marks]

QUESTION 7

What is civil religion? Describe it in terms of its function in selected societies of your choice. [20 marks]

QUESTION 8

Discuss the views of Ludwig Feurbach on the nature of man and the essence of religion. [20 marks]