

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES
SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2005

- TITLE OF PAPER** : **SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION**
- COURSE CODE** : **T2P3/IDE-T2P3**
- TIME ALLOWED** : **THREE (3) HOURS**
- INSTRUCTIONS** :
1. **ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER THREE QUESTIONS FROM QUESTIONS TWO TO EIGHT.**
 2. **QUESTIONS ONE CARRIES MORE MARKS THAN THE OTHER QUESTIONS, HENCE EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO CAREFULLY ANSWER THE QUESTION.**
 3. **BEGIN EACH ANSWER TO A NEW QUESTION ON A FRESH PAGE.**
 4. **CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO, WHERE APPROPRIATE, ACCURATELY CITE THE VARIOUS SCHOLARS THIS COURSE HAS EXPOSED THEM TO.**

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QUESTION 1

Referring to all the instruments pertaining thereto, discuss how International Law guarantees freedom of religion, worship, conscience and thought. Give a full account of General Comment No. 22 (48) on Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Explain clearly why each of the eleven points raised in the General Comment is significant. [40 marks]

QUESTION 2

Referring closely to a religious organization you have studied, discuss clearly how this organization meets the needs of its individual and group members, and what the relationship with larger society is like. What definition of religion would you suggest as supported by your findings? [20 marks]

QUESTION 3

Distinguish between Church, Sect and Cult according to Ernst Troeltsch, Weber and Bourdillon and comment on the importance of these distinctions. [20 marks]

QUESTION 4

What is the relationship between religion and ideology? Refer to arguments raised by scholars of your choice as you discuss this subject. [20 marks]

QUESTION 5

Give a clear account of the relationship between religion and values according to Yinger and others. What is the place of Ethics in the context of religious values? [20 marks]

QUESTION 6

Compare and contrast the sociological and feminist approaches to the study of religion. [20 marks]

QUESTION 7

How are cultures to be interpreted according to Geertz? [20 marks]

QUESTION 8

Attempt a critical analysis of Feuerbach's argument on the nature of man and essence of religion. How do his theories compare with Ian Barbour's argument on models and paradigms? [20 marks]