

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

TITLE OF PAPER : **RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD**

COURSE CODE : **T4P1/IDE-T4P1**

TIME ALLOWED : **THREE (3) HOURS**

MARKS : **100**

INSTRUCTIONS : **1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.**
2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

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

QUESTION 1

How do the religions of the world relate to one another? What is the best model, in your view, for promoting mutual relations amongst persons belonging to the religions of the world? Give relevant examples.

QUESTION 2

Discuss, at least, three paths to salvation in Hinduism. Which path or paths can be used as a base or bases for facilitating dialogue between a Hindu and a Christian?

QUESTION 3

Identify and discuss the universal dimensions of Buddhism.

QUESTION 4

Who was Confucius, and what has been the impact of Confucianism in China over the years?

QUESTION 5

Explain the significance of “the Shahadah” in Muslim piety.

QUESTION 6

What is meant by the term “shinto”? Discuss the distinctive role and meaning of Shintoism in Japanese culture and society.

QUESTION 7

“The Baha’i Faith is a movement that emerged from the shi’ate school of thought”. Comment on this statement.

QUESTION 8

Critically examine the phenomenological method of studying the religions of the world.