

University of Swaziland

Final Examination Paper 2006

Theology and Religious Studies

B.A./B.ED I/IDE

Title of Paper : Phenomenology of Religion

Course Number : T1P2

Time Allowed : Two (2) Hours

Instructions:

1. Answer Three (3) Questions, At Least One Question Must Be Attempted From Each Section
2. All Questions Carry Equal Marks

Total Marks : 100

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### Section A

1. "Definitions of religion ... tend to reflect the academic approach of the scholar rather than the content of religion". Discuss this claim with reference to **either** philosophical **or** psychological definitions of religion.
2. To what extent do religious beliefs influence human actions and conduct? Illustrate your discussion with examples from sociological studies of religion.
3. Show how Charles Darwin's theory of evolution has been used by many scholars to explain the development of religion.
4. Briefly discuss **four** major features of religion that have been identified by phenomenologists of religion.

### Section B

5. To what extent can it be said that "There are many religions but one God"?
6. What is a Hindu? Identify and discuss three major features of Hinduism.
7. "Islam emphasizes the Oneness of God". Comment on this statement and discuss the similarities and differences between Islam and Christianity.
8. Explain the meaning and social significance of either the **Umhlanga** (Reed Dance) or the **Incwala** (Ceremony of Kingship) in Swaziland