

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES
SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2006

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

Discuss Huston Smith's claim that taken together, the world's religions constitute "wisdom tradition".

QUESTION 2

Explain the following theories of the origin of religion and give examples to illustrate your facts:

- (a) The Animistic Theory
- (b) The Nature-Worship Theory
- (c) The Magic Theory

QUESTION 3

What is meant by "Jnana Yoga"? To what extent, if any, is the jnana yoga related to some of the key tenets of Buddhism.

QUESTION 4

Demonstrate the intricate relationship between Confucianism and Taoism.

QUESTION 5

What is meant by "Shintoism"? Discuss the place of shintoism in modern Japan.

QUESTION 6

Explain why Muhammad is viewed by faithful Muslims as "The Seal of the Prophets".

QUESTION 7

Critically discuss Baha'i teaching that "There is one God who is the source of all religions".