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TITLE OF PAPER : **RELIGION AND IDEOLOGY IN
CONTEMPORARY AFRICA**

COURSE CODE : **T4P8**

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

INSTRUCTIONS : **ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS.**

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THE INVIGILATOR.**

QUESTION 1

As a student of Theology, critically evaluate the Marxist and the Positivist theories of religion.

QUESTION 2

Compare religion in pre-colonial Africa with religion in post-colonial Africa.

QUESTION 3

Discuss African Socialism as an ideology in Post-Colonial Africa, with particular reference to Nkrumah's and Nyerere's types of socialism.

QUESTION 4

What is ideology? Discuss its basic characteristics and how it differs from philosophy.

QUESTION 5

Evaluate the socialism of Awolowo and the "Negritude" of Senghor as ideologies.

QUESTION 6

Assess the "Neo-Welfarism" of Azikiwe as an eclectic ideology.

QUESTION 7

Compare the socio-economic and political structure of pre-colonial African societies with the socio-economic and political structure in African states today.

QUESTION 8

Discuss how religion influences ideology, with particular reference to the Kingdom of Swaziland.