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University of Swaziland

Main Examination Paper 2007

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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PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE
INVIGILATOR

Section A

1. (a) Explain Karl Marx's definition of religion.
(b) Why is it difficult to formulate a universally acceptable definition of religion?
2. Discuss One of the following approaches to the study of religion:
 - (a) Anthropology of religion
 - (b) Psychology of religion
 - (c) Philosophy of Religion
3. Explain the strengths and weaknesses of the phenomenological method of studying religion.
4. Giving examples to illustrate your facts, discuss the roles of myths in religion.

SECTION B

5. Explain the meaning of **karma** and show how it affects the destiny of a believer in Hinduism and Buddhism.
6. Who was the Buddha? Explain the main teachings of Buddhism.
7. Discuss the five pillars of Islam.
8. "Death does not destroy life. It transforms it" (Mbiti). Discuss the meaning of this statement and show how this belief is reflected in African Traditional Religions and Christianity.