

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**  
**DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2007**

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

**COURSE CODE** : **T4P1**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS** : **ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS (EACH QUESTION HAS 20 MARKS)**

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

**QUESTION 1**

Explain the religious significance of the “Sun dance”, the “Sacred Pipe” among the Oglala people, in North America, and the “Ghost Dance” among the North American Indians.

**QUESTION 2**

Discuss what Hinduism and Buddhism have in common, and where the two religions differ.

**QUESTION 3**

Discuss what Islam and Bahai faith have in common and where they differ.

**QUESTION 4**

Discuss the circumstances that led Siddhartha Gautama and Zarathustra to start their religions, and the main objective of each of their religions.

**QUESTION 5**

Discuss how Zoroastrianism explains the problem of evil in the world and how it can be solved.

**QUESTION 6**

Discuss the four noble truths of Buddhism.