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TITLE OF PAPER : AFRICAN TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS

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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

"African religions are ethnic religions" (Ikenga-Metuh, E., 1987). Explain and give a critique of this claim.

QUESTION 2

On what bases would you promote the academic study of African Traditional Religions in institutions of higher learning?

QUESTION 3

Identify and explain the core features of indigenous African religions.

QUESTION 4

Explain why traditional healers such as tangoma (diviners) are regarded as religious leaders in many African societies.

QUESTION 5

With special reference to the universal quest for gender equality, critically discuss the roles of women in Swazi indigenous religion.

QUESTION 6

Identify and discuss the key elements of African sacred kingship. What are the prospects, if any, of the Swazi sacred monarchy?

QUESTION 7

What is meant by "Buntfu/Ubuntu/Botho" in the context of Swazi indigenous religion and culture? Give relevant examples to illustrate your views.

QUESTION 8

Identify and discuss the role played by some Swazi indigenous beliefs and rituals in the spread of the HIV and AIDS pandemic in Swaziland.