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T4P8/IDE T4P8: Religion and Ideology in Contemporary Africa

Instructions: Answer 3 questions altogether, one question from section I and two questions from section II(each question carries 20 marks)

Time allowed: 3 hours

Section I

- (1) Discuss the concept of ideology:
 - (a) Explain the meaning of ideology and how it differs from philosophy
 - (b) Explain with examples, how religion can influence political ideology

- (2) Discuss the main features of the following political ideologies:
 - (a) socialism (b) welfarism (c) totalitarianism (d) anarchism

- (3) In the light of the current global financial crisis, write a critique of capitalism as a political, and economic ideology, from a theological perspective.

- (4) (a) Discuss the six stages in the development of human society according to Karl Marx's Philosophy of History.(b) Do you agree with him? Give reasons for your answer

Section II

- (1) Explain the main features of the African Socialism of Kwame Nkrumah and Julius Nyerere, and highlight where they differ

- (2) In his address at the University of Zambia in 1966, concerning the United States of Africa, Julius Nyerere spoke of the dilemma of the Pan-Africanist

- (b) Emperor Haile Selassie and Nnamdi Azikiwe highlighted the obstacles that would be encountered in the process of forming the United States of Africa. Discuss these obstacles and indicate whether you think they are surmountable.
- (3) (a) Explain how Nnamdi Azikiwe's Neo-welfarism is an eclectic political ideology.
(b) Discuss the problem of language and national unity in Africa as it was highlighted by Milton Obote
- (4) (a) Evaluate K. A. Busia and Nnamdi Azikiwe's views about tribalism and national unity in Africa countries.
(b) Discuss the role of culture in national liberation, according to Amicar Cabral
- (5) (a) To what extent can African leaders be seen as representatives of African culture, according to Sekou Toure? Discuss
(b) Why is it so difficult to practice democracy in Black Africa? Discuss
- (6) (a) "Treat your guest as a guest for two days, on the third day give him a hoe", says T.J.Mboya, quoting a Swahili proverb. In the light of this proverb, discuss J.T. Mboya's concept of African Socialism
(b) Highlight the main features of Mamadou Dia's concept of African Socialism
- (7) (a) Do you think religion has in any way influenced political ideologies in Contemporary Africa? Discuss
(b) Most Africa States today are "secular States". In the light of this fact how, in your view, can religion impact positively on political ideologies in Contemporary Africa? Discuss