

Course Code TRS101/T1P2 (M) - 2010

University of Swaziland

Final Examination Paper 2010

Theology and Religious Studies

B.A./B.ED //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 : 60

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PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE
INVIGILATOR**

Section A

1. What do we mean by the word "religion"? Which definition of religion do you prefer? Give reasons and relevant examples to support your views.
2. Describe and evaluate Durkheim's functional theory of religion.
3. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of either (i) anthropological or (ii) philosophical approaches to the study of religion.
4. Explain the distinctive features of the phenomenological method.

Section B

5. What is a ritual? Explain the significance of rituals in African Traditional Religions.
6. Explain the meaning of karma, samsara, and moksa in Indian religions.
7. Describe and explain the Four Noble Truths in Buddhism.
8. Explain the Islamic teaching that "Muhammad is the seal of the prophets".