

COURSE CODE T4P1 (S) 2010

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER 2010

DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

B.A / B.Ed IV / IDE

TITLE OF PAPER : RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD

COURSE NUMBER : T4P1

TIME ALLOWED : THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS

2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

TOTAL MARKS: 100

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GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR

1. Describe and evaluate the following theories of the origin of religion:
 - (a) The magic theory
 - (b) Theories of religion as a projection of human needs
2. What can we learn, if any, from Native North American Religions and African Indigenous Religions about the relationship between humanity and the natural environment? Give clear examples to illustrate your views.
3. Discuss the key features of Buddhism in relation to traditional Hindu religious heritage.
4. Demonstrate the intricate relationship between Confucianism and Taoism.
5. What is meant by "Shintoism"? Discuss the place of Shintoism in modern Japan.
6. Explain why Muhammad is viewed by faithful Muslims as "The Seal of the Prophets".
7. Describe a model for relating the world's religions to one another.
8. Critically discuss the teaching of the Baha'i Faith that "There is one God who is the source of all religions".