

COURSE CODE T4P1 (M) 2011

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER 2011

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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1. Discuss the significance of studying the living religions of the world.
2. When and how did religion begin? Evaluate the theories of the origin of religion as projections of human needs.
3. On what grounds do many scholars characterize the following religions as 'Traditional Religions of the World':
 - (i) Traditional Religions of North America
 - (ii) Shintoism
4. Explain the continuities and discontinuities between Hinduism and Buddhism.
5. Why do many scholars prefer to describe Taoism and Confucianism as philosophies rather religions?
6. On what bases is Islam regarded as one of the three 'Abrahamic religions'? Propose a model for fostering/promoting mutual relations among the followers of these religions.
7. Discuss the historical and theological ties between Islam and the Baha'i Faith.
8. What is the future of religion? Give concrete examples to illustrate your views.