

COURSE CODE T4P1 (S) 2011

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER 2011

THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

B.A IV / B.ED IV / IDE IV

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. Evaluate the following theories of the origin of religion:
 - (i) The animistic theory
 - (ii) The nature worship theory
 - (iii) The magic theory
2. Discuss the main paths to salvation that are espoused by Hinduism and indicate how they shape the social behaviour on the Hindu.
3. How does one reach the state of Buddhahood in Buddhism? Describe the main ethical teachings of Buddhism.
4. Discuss the place of Taoism and Confucianism in contemporary Chinese society.
5. Discuss the main features of Shintoism showing the extent to which this indigenous religion embodies and reflects Japanese nationalism.
6. Explain the place of Muhammad and the Quran in Islam. Do Muslims and Christians worship the same Deity? Give relevant examples to illustrate your views.
7. To what extent, if any, does the Baha'i Faith promote the unity of religions? Support your views with concrete examples.
8. Propose a suitable model for relating the world's religions to each other.