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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2011

TITLE OF PAPER : Religion and Ideology in Contemporary Africa
COURSE CODE : T4P8/IDE T4P8
DURATION : 3 Hours

THIS PAPER IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS : 1. Answer four questions in all.
2. Answer two questions from each section.
3. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.

All questions are worth 25 marks.

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T4P8/ IDE T4P8 (S) Religion and Ideology in Contemporary Africa, July 2011**SECTION ONE****Question 1**

Write a critique on the phenomenon of Afro-pessimism within the context of post-colonial Africa.

Question 2

What is “political quietism”? Describe how it is reflected among religious groups in any given context.

Question 3

Explain Terry Egleaton’s ideas on the strategies by which a dominant group uses ideology to legitimate its dominance.

Question 4

Describe Nkrumah’s concept of African socialism.

Question 5

Discuss the reasons why the late president of Tanzania Julius Nyerere has been hailed as one who left a legacy of religious tolerance for his nation.

Question 6

Explain the *Rastafari* use of Ethiopia as a symbol of true African independence and dignity.

SECTION TWO**Question 7**

Analyse Kenneth Kaunda’s claim that there is a link between his philosophy of Humanism and some tenets of Christianity.

Question 8

Comment on the dynamics of religion and ethnicity in the context of the Rwandan genocide of 1994.

Question 9

Discuss the ways in which the passing of the criminal code of *Sharia* law in 14 states of Nigeria poses constitutional problems.

Question 10

Explain the politics of regionalism and its consequences in Sudan.

Question 11

Comment on the formation of religiously based political parties in post-Apartheid South Africa.

Question 12

Explain the political significance of the following religious ceremonies in Swaziland:

- Somhlolo National Festival of Praise
- Good Friday/Easter celebrations
- Post-*incwala* thanksgiving palace prayer service