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University of Swaziland

Supplementary Examination Paper 2013

Theology and Religious Studies

B.A./B.ED I/IDE

Title of Paper : Phenomenology of Religion

Course Number : TRS101

Time Allowed : Two (2) Hours

Instructions:

1. Answer Three (3) Questions, At Least One Question Must Be Attempted From Each Section
2. Each Question Carries 20 Marks

Total Marks : 60

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SECTION A

1. "Religion is a universal human phenomenon" (Ndlovu, H. L., 1997). Examine this statement, and give examples to illustrate your views.

2. Discuss the common features of the following approaches to the study of religion:
 - (i) Sociology of religion
 - (ii) Psychology of religion
 - (iii) Anthropology of religion

3. Explain the distinctive assumptions and goals of phenomenology of religion. Conclude your answer with a brief evaluation of this academic to the study of religion.

SECTION B

4. Give a phenomenological description of one of following world religions:
 - (i) Hinduism
 - (ii) Buddhism
 - (iii) Islam
 - (iv) The Baha'i Faith

5. "Africans are notoriously religious, and each people has its own religious system with a set of beliefs and practices" (Mbiti, J. S. , 1989). Explain this statement, giving clear examples in support of your views

6. What is the place and role of religion in our day and age? Give relevant examples drawn from the religions that you have studied.