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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2013

TITLE OF PAPER: AFRICAN TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS I

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TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: (1) ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS
(2) ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

TOTAL MARKS:60

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1. Discuss at least three motivations for the study of African Religion in our day and age.
2. Explain why Mbiti and many other scholars prefer to use the phenomenological method in their studies of African Religion.
3. Write critical notes on the following 'constituent elements' of African indigenous religion: belief in God, belief in divinities, belief in spirits, the practice of ancestor veneration, and the practice of magic and medicine.
4. What is meant by "African worldviews"? Explain 'African' conceptions of causation and ethics.
5. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of current studies of Swazi Religion.
6. Discuss the extent to which African indigenous religion is resilient and adaptable in the contemporary world.