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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2013

TITLE OF PAPER: AFRICAN TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS II

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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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BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR

1. "Every village in Africa has a medicine-man within reach, and he is the friend of the community" (Mbiti, J. S., 1989). What does Mbiti mean by the term "medicine-men" in the above statement? Drawing examples from recent sources, discuss the role of these personages in contemporary African society.
2. Drawing on recent literature, discuss the spiritual and philosophical bases of sacred monarchies in African society. To what extent do sacred monarchies reflect and embody continuity and change in African religiosity?
3. What is the place, if any, of rites of passage in contemporary African Religion? In your answer, discuss at least three rites of passage that prevail in any African society of your choice.
4. Examine the place and role of women in African Religion.
5. "In Swaziland there are many *tangoma* (diviners) who profess to be Christians" (Ndlovu, H. L., 2002). Examine this claim, and cite recent sources to substantiate your views.
6. What is the future of African Religion? In your answer, make particular reference to at least three African Religions.