

COURSE CODE TRS400 (S) 2013

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER 2013

THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2013

TITLE OF PAPER: RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD II

COURSE NUMBER: TRS401

TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS

2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

TOTAL MARKS : 60

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THE INVIGILATOR

1. What is meant by the concept "*nirvana*" in Buddhist thought? Explain how, according to the Buddha, *nirvana* can be realized.
2. Explain the spiritual dimensions, if any, of Confucianism and Taoism.
3. "Shintoism embodies the distinctive ethos of Japanese religiosity". Explain this statement.
4. "Muhammad is the seal of the Prophets". Explain this creed, and examine its controversial tone in the context of interfaith relations. How can one overcome the said controversy surrounding this statement?
5. Do the world's religions have anything contribution to make regarding the universal problem of social inequality? In your response, draw examples from at least three world religions.
6. Discuss the philosophical and religious bases of forging mutual interreligious relations between and among the different religions of the world.