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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, DECEMBER 2012

TITLE OF PAPER : Religion and Ideology in Contemporary Africa I
COURSE CODE : TRS 404
DURATION : 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS : 1. Choose and answer three (3) questions in all.
3. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.

All questions are worth 25 marks.

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Question 1

Explain the bases for the concern with the issue of “neo-colonialism” in post-colonial studies of Africa. [25]

Question 2

Discuss the internal critique within Negritude thinking. [25]

Question 3

Explain why it is that religion is amenable to ideological appropriation? [25]

Question 4

Describe the attitude and behaviour identified as *political acquiescence* and explain its basis among religious citizens who exhibit it in their national contexts. [25]

Question 5

Analyse the following extract from the *Evening News* newspaper of January 8, 1960:3 containing references to Kwame Nkrumah’s presidency in Ghana. [25]

It was the of the Son of man, who born in the manger of poverty of Nkroful village in Nzimah who had been circumstantially assigned the role of redeemer of the oppressed and exploited people of a once great Continent, the Continent of Africa. It was the voice of the New Christ, saying you can be in a better position to love the Political Kingdom – yea, an apostle of peace and tranquillity on earth, a deliverer of mankind from the tortures of sinful imperialism.

Question 6

“The struggle to define the relationship of religion to the state has been a struggle around the role of Islamic law in Nigeria” (Bienen:1986). Explain this observation. [25]

Question 7

Comment on the action by the Kenyan government’s call in 1991 for “patriotic churches” to break way from the National Christian Council of Kenya which was accused of fighting the government of the day by calling for a return to multi-party politics. [25]

Question 8

Analyse the shortcomings of the socialist experiment of the *Ujamaa* economic programme in Nyerere’s Tanzania.