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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2013**

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

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

All questions are worth 25 marks.

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PERMISSION TO DO SO**

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**Question 1**

Identify the conditions in post-colonial Africa that have led to Afro-pessimistic discourse. [25]

**Question 2**

Pick any one issue that is of topical concern in contemporary Africa and explain through concrete illustrations why it is a matter of concern. [25]

**Question 3**

Analyse the merits and demerits of Marxian conception of ideology. [25]

**Question 4**

Pick one example from human history and demonstrate how religion and ideology have significantly related symbiotically in state and civil society relations.

**Question 5**

Analyse the metaphors of the “Castle” and the “Umbrella” in Darrell Reeck’s essay about Nkrumah’s sources of ideology in the period that ensued immediately after Ghana’s independence from British rule. [25]

**Question 6**

Explain the observation that becoming Muslim for some people in Nigeria has meant undergoing “ethnic conversion” as well. [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**

Comment on the policy statement in the *Arusha Declaration* that every Tanzanian citizen has a right to freedom of religion within the context of the law.