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TITLE OF PAPER : RELIGION AND IDEOLOGY IN CONTEMPORARY AFRICA
COURSE CODE : TRS 405
DURATION : 2 HOURS

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

All questions are worth 25 marks.

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TRS 405 (M) Religion and Ideology in Contemporary Africa May, 2013

Question 1

Explain the concept of Islamism with reference to some countries of post-colonial Africa.

Question 2

Define the concept of a secular state pointing out at its essential elements and the means by which the political realities it points to are created and fostered.

Question 3

Analyse comparatively the two modes of Christian expression in post-colonial Africa known as *inculturation* and liberation with specific reference to certain countries.

Question 4

Explain the view that Christian and Muslim relations in Ethiopia are characterised simultaneously by co-existence and confrontation. [25]

Question 5

Comment on the observation that in 1994 in Rwanda Christians not only participated in the mass murder of fellow Rwandese but also the churches were killing fields.

Question 6

Analyse the following extract from TV broadcast during which the Vice President to President Frederick Chiluba who had engineered the incorporation of the Declaration of Zambia as a Christian nation into the preamble of the constitution.

Zambia has become the 'chosen nation' the 'new Israel'. The leaders are anointed, hence nobody has a right to question them or disagree with them. Hence the view of the opposition is seen as representing evil since they always go against God's chosen leader. (ZNBC, 05 August 1995)

Question 7

Analyse the various uses of Christian language by President Jacob Zuma as reported in the South African media throughout his presidency.

Question 8

King Mswati III was recently reported to have advised the Swazi nation to choose the Bible over money. Comment on this advice.