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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2013**

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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YOU PERMISSION TO DO SO**

TRS 405 (S) Religion and Ideology in Contemporary Africa July, 2013

Question 1

Explain the existence in post-colonial Africa of the phenomenon that Jeffrey Haynes refers to as “neo-traditional” or “religio-political” groups.

Question 2

Comment on the religious formation that Obadare (2010) identifies as a “theocratic class” in Nigeria and elsewhere where the phenomena of Pentecostalism/Charismatic Christianity are significantly present.

Question 3

What do you think are the reasons for continued civil strife and corruption in Sub-Saharan Africa despite the existence of the African Peer Review mechanism which was intended to promote democracy and good governance?

Question 4

Explain the observation by Abas H. Gnamo (2002) that Oromo nationalism is opposed to state nationalism in Ethiopia

Question 5

Do you think the church in Rwanda should take collective responsibility for the genocide or only the individuals who participated in the mass murders ought to be held responsible for their actions?

Question 6

On 29 August 2012 the Civil Society Constitution Coalition of Zambia was reported to have called for the removal of the Declaration of Zambia as a Christian nation. This generated an influx of responses that were posted on the internet. Analyse the following response as one of the 105 responses that were posted.

Come on you fools, are you nuts? ... so you want the Muslim community to be equal with Christians? After some years they will start killing Christians in the name of the holy war as they call it in Nigeria. Think twice if you remove that clause you will start your Satanism in public then you will say it's your religion. Some Zambians are fools. You should be ashamed to be thinking in those lines. How much did they pay you??? Zambia will, and will always be a Christian nation.

Question 7

Discuss the retreat of the churches affiliated under the South African Council of Churches from political discourse in post apartheid South Africa.

Question 8

What can you say about the fact that in the preamble of the constitution of the Kingdom of Swaziland there is reference to the nation's humble submission to the Almighty God yet in Section 23 of the Bill of rights is enshrined freedom of religion and conscience.