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UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER 2014

THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

B.A / B.ED IV / IDE

TITLE OF PAPER: RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD I

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TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS

INTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS

2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

TOTAL MARKS: 60

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- 1. Discuss the rationale for the study of world religions.
- 2. "No one religion better than the others" (Pluralist Summit 2003). Write a critique of this statement in the context of academic studies of world religions.
- 3. Explain the nature and role of religion in human history.
- 4. Write a critique of Lewis Hopfe's (1991) discussion of theories of the origin religion.
- 5. Discuss the beliefs and visions of Native American Religion pertaining to natural phenomena.
- 6. What can we learn, if any, from Hinduism? Give concrete examples to illustrate your views.