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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION JULY, 2014

**COURSE CODE: TRS 405**

**COURSE TITLE: RELIGION & IDEOLOGY IN CONTEMPORARY AFRICA II**

**DURATION: 2HRS**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Choose and answer three (3) questions in all.
- b. Write in clear and grammatically correct sentences.
- c. Your answer should not exceed two and a half pages.

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**TRS 405 Religion and Ideology in Contemporary Africa II (S) JULY, 2014**

**Question 1**

Comment on the observation made by Riedl (2012) on the relationship between religion and politics in Sub-Saharan Africa. [25]

**Question 2**

Discuss how the twin concepts of “sins of omission” and “sins of commission” apply to the Rwandan Church’s role in the 1994 genocide. [25]

**Question 3**

Describe and explain the basis on which Zambian political unity was forged at independence. In your answer explain why religion did not play any role in cultivating Zambian nationhood at that point in the history of the country. [25]

**Question 4**

Discuss how Christianity has historically been contradictorily appropriated for ideological purposes in different public constituencies in South Africa. [25]

**Question 5**

The Charter for Religious Rights and Freedoms in South Africa has received mixed reviews by South Africans. Analyse the differences in opinion on this matter and take your position in the debate. [25]

**Question 6**

What is your view on King Sobhuza’s suggestion at the 1975 Easter celebration that the leadership of the League of African Churches in Swaziland should invite members of the Bahai Faith to a future Easter ceremony? [25]

**Question 7**

Provide a justification for offering the multi-faith syllabus in secondary schools in Swaziland. [25]