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**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER 2015**

TITLE OF PAPER: PHENOMENOLOGY OF RELIGION

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TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS, AT LEAST ONE (1) QUESTION MUST BE ATTEMPTED FROM EACH SECTION.

(2) ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

TOTAL MARKS: 60

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## SECTION A

1. Discuss the debates surrounding definitions of religion. Illustrate your facts with relevant examples.
2. What is meant by “theological approaches” to the study of religion? Give relevant examples to illustrate your facts.
3. Show how the phenomenological method differs from sociology of religion. Illustrate your views with relevant examples.

## SECTION B

4. “Given the fact that African Religions have no sacred scriptures, the basic beliefs, values and philosophies of African Religions are largely expressed through rituals” ( Ndlovu 1997). Explain this statement and describe the main rituals of African Religions that affirm and highlight core religious beliefs. .
5. Describe the central religious beliefs of Hinduism. .
6. Select one of the following questions (i, ii, iii) and answer the respective questions that follow:
  - i. Describe the Four Noble Truths from a Buddhist perspective.
  - ii. What is a Muslim? Describe the main beliefs and practices of Islam from a Muslim perspective.
  - iii. Describe the main doctrines of the Baha’i Faith.