

MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER 2014

TITLE OF PAPER: AFRICAN TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS I

COURSE CODE: TRS 303

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: (1) ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS
(2) ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

TOTAL MARKS: 60

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2. Does African Religion exhibit the characteristics of a major world religion? Substantiate your answer with reliable evidence and supporting literature.
3. "After ploughing through many accounts of the religious beliefs of different societies drawn from different parts of Africa . . . I can say with confidence that in spite of some difference in the beliefs and practices of different communities, they show a substantial agreement and should be discussed as variations of one common religious tradition" (Emefie Ikenga-Metuh). Explain this observation with reference to the most common beliefs and practices of African Religion.
4. "Beneath the diversity of cults of affliction is a characteristic worldview regarding misfortune and how it is classified" (John Janzen). Discuss the 'characteristic worldview regarding misfortune' in the context of traditional African notions of causation/causality.
5. "My conviction is that only if and when African Religion's moral stance is clarified can real conversation between it and other religious systems genuinely begin" (Laurenti Magesa). Explain the writer's conviction with reference to the content and context of morality and ethics of African morality and ethics.
6. "In spite of the cultural imperialism of mission schools and the attempt to annihilate African culture and religion, we have seen that traditional religionists are actually increasing" (Jon Kirby). Discuss this view, drawing from recent sources and empirical evidence.