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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER 2015

TITLE OF PAPER: AFRICAN TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS I

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TIME ALLOWED: THREE (2) HOURS

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

TOTAL MARKS: 60

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1. "Recently there has been much discussion on whether one should talk of African Traditional Religions (in the singular) or African Traditional Religions (in the plural)" (Emefie Ikenga-Metuh). Discuss this observation and specify which term you prefer.
2. "There are some indications that Christians are leaving the churches for traditional religions" (Jon Kirby). Critique this observation with reference to co-existence of African Religion and Christianity in many contemporary African societies.
3. Identify and discuss the prominent features of African Religion, and draw examples from recent sources.
4. "A world-view seeks to answer fundamental questions about the place and the relationship of [sic] man with the universe" (Emefie Ikenga-Metuh.) Explain this statement with reference to traditional African notions of cosmology.
5. "In African religious ethical understanding, the earth is given to humanity as a gratuitous gift and all human beings possess an equal claim to it and the resources it offers" (Laurenti Magesa). Discuss this claim against the backdrop of the ethics of Buntfu/Ubuntu/Botho.
6. What are the causes of suffering and misfortune in terms of traditional African world view? In your answer you should draw examples from at least two African religious traditions.