

MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER 2015

TITLE OF PAPER: AFRICAN TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS II

COURSE CODE: TRS304

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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comment on the statement, with specific reference to at least two African societies that cherish African traditional medicine.

2. "African people consider their chiefs and kings as God's earthly rulers. Their offices are regarded as having instituted by God in the past" (Amanze 2002). Explain this observation with reference to any two African monarchies that you have studied.
3. "Initiation and puberty rites have many symbolic meanings, in addition to the physical drama and impact" (Mbiti 1989) Comment on this assertion with special reference to the "many symbolic meanings" of puberty rites. Give relevant examples from at least two contemporary African societies.
4. "It is generally held that in all societies, a number of traditional values , norms and practices tend to favour men at the expense of women who are, by and large, treated as minors and are only ot be seen and not to be heard" (Amanze 2002). Explain this observation with particular reference to the position and role of women in Swazi Religion.
5. Examine the extent to which African Religion fosters and promotes positive attitudes towards the natural environment. Give relevant examples to illustrate your views.
6. Discuss the relationship between African Religion and Christianity in contemporary African society, with special reference to Swaziland.