

TITLE OF PAPER: RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD II

COURSE CODE: TRS401

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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contemporary Japanese society.

4. "First and foremost Muhammad preached the unity and majesty of the one God Allah" (Smart 1992). Explain this statement with reference to "the first pillar" of the Islamic faith.

5. "Baha'is have inherited from Islam a view of history as a linear process directed by the divine will and marked by the periodic appearance of major and minor prophets, some of whom bring books and laws and found religious communities" (MacEoin 1998). Discuss this observation with reference to the history of the Baha'i Faith and its core doctrines.

6. "Interfaith dialogue, to be authentic, necessarily involves dialogical partners who are committed to their own religion and to the cause of dialogue" (Pratt 2003). Discuss this assertion with particular reference to contemporary ecumenical attempts to promote interreligious harmony and cooperation in our day and age. In your answer you should critique Pratt's proposed model of forging mutual interfaith relationships.