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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER 2015

TITLE OF PAPER: RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD II

COURSE CODE: TRS401

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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1. Explain the ethical teachings of Buddhism that are derived from the Four Noble Truths.
2. Explain why Confucianism and Taoism are generally seen by many scholars as philosophies/religions that complement each other.
3. What is meant by the concept “Kami” in Shintoism? Discuss the unique features of Shintoism.
4. “The primary Islamic beliefs and world-view are presented in the Qur’an” (Welch 1998). Explain this statement in the context of the core doctrines of Islam about Muhammad.
5. Discuss the historical ties between the Baha’i Faith and Islam.
6. Discuss the three main contextual paradigms of interfaith relations that are posited by Christian ecumenists, and indicate the one that you prefer, stating the reasons for your choice.