

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES****TRS 304 MAIN EXAMINATION, MAY 2016**

TITLE OF PAPER : AFRICAN TRADITIONAL RELIGION II
COURSE CODE : TRS 304
DURATION : 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Choose and answer three (3) questions in all.
2. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.
3. You must acknowledge your sources.
4. All questions carry equal marks.

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Question 1

To what extent have African traditional healing practices survived to this day? Give specific examples to support your views. [20]

Question 2

Identify and discuss the role of pre- and post-natal rituals observed in Swazi Religion. [20]

Question 3

Show ways in which Swazi Religion is responding to an ever-changing religious landscape. What observations could be drawn from those initiatives in local religious traditions? [20]

Question 4

Critically assess the strengths and weaknesses of the institution of sacred monarchy in African society, giving relevant examples from at least two African cultures. What is the future of sacred monarchies in modern Africa? [20]

Question 5

The Constitution of the Kingdom of Swaziland (2005) provides for the equality of men and women in all sphere of life. Demonstrate the extent to which some of the dominant Swazi traditional cultural and religious values and practices undermine or appear to undermine this supreme law. [20]

Question 6

What can we learn, if any, from the religio-cultural practices of African Religion regarding the relationship between humanity and the environment? Give relevant examples to illustrate your facts. [20]