

COURSE CODE TRS400 (M) 2015

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER 2015

THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

B.A / B.ED IV / IDE

TITLE OF PAPER: RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD I

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TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS

2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

TOTAL MARKS : 60

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THE INVIGILATOR

1. Clearly illustrate why scholars of religion cannot arrive at a universal definition of religion.
2. Critically analyse the sociological theories of the origins of religion.
3. To what extent do you agree with James Frazer's evolutionary theory that religion originated from magic?
4. Explain the rationale for the study of world religions. Cite reliable scholarly sources to illustrate your views.
5. What is meant by the term "Primal Religions"? With specific reference to Native American Religion, describe and explain the main enduring features of these religions.
6. According to Marcus Braybrooke, "Hinduism can remind us of the holiness and wonder of a God who is beyond our imagining" (2002). Explain this assertion with reference to Hindu spiritual teaching about **Brahman**.