

COURSE CODE TRS400 (S) 2016

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER 2016

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. What is anthropomorphism? Explain the reasons why anthropomorphism is inevitable in the practice of religion.
2. Critically explore William James' understanding of a 'religious experience'.
3. Would you consider African Traditional Religions to be polytheistic? Illustrate your answer with arguments drawn from current African scholarship.
4. Explain the nature and role of religion in human history.
5. "All of the sacred ceremonies of the Oglala were given to them by during a period of famine by White Buffalo Calf Woman" (Armin Geertz, 1997). Describe and explain the significance of the story of the White Buffalo Calf Woman among the Oglala Sioux in North America.
6. What can we learn, if any, from Hinduism? Give concrete examples to illustrate your views.