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**Course Code** : TRS 405  
**Course Title** : Religion & Ideology in Contemporary Africa II  
**Duration** : 2 hrs

\*NB: All questions are worth 25 marks.

**Instructions**

- a. Choose and answer three (3) questions.
- b. Make sure you accurately label the questions you have opted to answer.
- c. Write in clear and grammatically correct sentences.
- d. Indicate on the cover page of your answer script the name of your programme of study and whether you are a fulltime or IDE student.

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**Question 1**

Write a critique of the models of religion-state relations that obtain in southern Africa as presented by Smith (2005).

**Question 2**

What do you think are the implications of the fact that even in countries like Mozambique that adopted a model of strict separation between religion and state, religion has however been cited as very important for the social life of the nation?

**Question 3**

Asses the 1991 allegation by Evangelical Christians in Zambia that former President Kenneth Kaunda's political philosophy of Zambian Humanism put human beings at the centre of everything and thereby displaced God.

**Question 4**

Analyse the following varied interpretations of the Declaration of Zambia a Christian nation that came out of a 1995 meeting between churches and the then Deputy President General Minyanda as capture by Gifford (1998 p.375):

- Christian ministers should now have positions in government;
- churches should now be given land to build on;
- the current religious syllabus in schools be replaced with the Bible;
- the building of mosques in Lusaka be now halted.

**Question 5**

Explain why, as Timothy Longman (1998) pointed out, people outside Rwanda found it difficult to understand how the 1994 genocide in that country occurred.

**Question 6**

International human rights groups called for a public apology from the church about the Rwandan genocide which the Pope declined to issue. What would have been the use of such an apology in a post-conflict situation such as that one?

**Question 7**

Explain why the Kairos Theologians (1985/1986) expressed regret that the church in South Africa was divided in its interpretation of its faith during apartheid.

**Question 8**

Discuss Prozesky's (2009) response to the view that it is the secularity of the new South African state that is a cause of the social ills that emanate from moral decay.

**Question 9**

Write a critical explanation for the appearance of the affirmation of freedom of religion under the heading "Church" in the Imbokodvo National Movement's political manifesto.

**Question 10**

Discuss the view expressed by pastors of the League of African Churches in Swaziland at Easter in 2003 that the Bible condemns democracy.

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