

**COURSE CODE TRS121 (S) 2016**

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

**RE-SIT EXAMINATION PAPER 2016**

**THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**B.A / B.ED IV / IDE**

**TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCING THE STUDY OF RELIGION**

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**TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS, AT LEAST ONE (1) QUESTION MUST BE ATTEMPTED FROM EACH SECTION.
2. YOU MUST SPECIFY THE AUTHOR OR AUTHORS OF FACTS, IDEAS AND OPINIONS THAT YOU REFER TO IN YOUR ANSWERS..
3. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

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## SECTION A

- 1 . Explain the reasons why there is no universal definition of religion. Illustrate your facts with relevant examples.
- 2 . What do we learn from sociological approaches to religion about the role of religion in society? Give relevant examples to illustrate your view.
- 3 . Explain the contribution of philosophical approaches to the study of religion..

## SECTION B

- 4 . According to Ninian Smart, phenomenology “is an intentionally bracketing method, which tries to bring out the nature of believers’ ideas and feelings. It involves walking in the moccasins of the faithful” (1999). Explain this statement and illustrate your views with relevant examples.
- 5 . Explain the contribution of feminist approaches to the study of religion.
- 6 . “All accounts of religion are accounts by people who approach their study from a particular starting-point” (Peter Connolly). Explain this statement with particular reference to hermeneutical approaches to the study of religion.