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RESIT EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2017

TITLE OF PAPER : RELIGIOUS CULTURE AND IDENTITY

COURSE CODE : TRS 217

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

MARKS : 75

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. CHOOSE AND ANSWER ANY **THREE (3)** QUESTIONS.
2. EACH QUESTION CARRIES **25** MARKS.
3. BEGIN EACH QUESTION ON A NEW PAGE.
4. CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CLARITY, ACCURACY AND GOOD THEOLOGICAL INSIGHT.

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QUESTION ONE

With reference to the various theories that define religion demonstrate why it is difficult for scholars to formulate an all-encompassing definition of religion.

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QUESTION TWO

What is meant by cultural diversity? Critically discuss its merits and demerits in African societies like Swaziland.

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QUESTION THREE

Secularization has replaced religion in terms of its influence over the various aspects of social life. Do you agree or disagree? Discuss.

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QUESTION FOUR

Discuss the impact of the 'electronic church' in building up people's social and spiritual identities.

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QUESTION FIVE

Considering your own social context, explain how socialization has shaped people's cultural identities.

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QUESTION SIX

Discuss whether or not the globalization of communication will improve people's understanding in developing countries of cultural differences or will annihilate those differences.

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