

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. 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.

TOTAL MARKS : 60

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1. Discuss the rationale for the study of world religions.
2. "No one religion is better than the others" (Pluralist Summit 2003). Write a critique of this statement in the context of academic studies of world religions.
3. Explain the nature and role of religion in human history.
4. Write a critique of the theories of the origin religion that are outlined by Lewis Hopfe (1991).
5. Discuss the beliefs and visions of Native American Religion pertaining to natural phenomena.
6. What can we learn, if any thing, from Hinduism? Give concrete examples to illustrate your views.