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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER 2017

THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

B.A / B.ED IV / IDE

TITLE OF PAPER: RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD II

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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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- 1 . Discuss points of continuity and discontinuity between Hinduism and Buddhism.
- 2 . “If religion is taken in its widest sense, as a way of life woven around a people’s ultimate concerns, Confucianism clearly qualifies” (Smith 1991). Explain this statement with particular reference to the main teachings of Confucianism.
- 3 . Discuss the unique features of Shinto. Are any of these compatible with Swazi Religion? Explain.
- 4 . “According to Islam, the correct religion ordained by God is that revealed to the last of His chosen prophet, Muhammad; this and no other religion is required by Allah of all mankind” (Legenhausen 2004). Explain this statement in context of the core doctrine of Islam and indicate the extent to which it can be problematic in view of interfaith dialogue.
- 5 . “The Baha’i Faith upholds the unity of God, recognizes the unity of His Prophets, and inculcates the principle of the one-ness and wholeness of the entire human race” (MacEoin 1997). Explain this statement with reference to the fundamental doctrines of the Baha’i Faith.
- 6 . “The concept of religious pluralism . . . has gained wide currency during the last two decades as people have become increasingly aware of the need to break down barriers of mutual prejudice by engaging in interfaith and intercultural dialogue” (Boase 2004). Discuss this observation with reference to the three models of regulating relations between religions.