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DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER, NOVEMBER 2017

TITLE OF PAPER

: NEW RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS

COURSE CODE

: TRS 113

TIME ALLOWED

: TWO (2) HOURS

MARKS

: 75

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. 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

Clearly demonstrate Harold Turner's assertion that New Religious Movements are established whenever a 'sophisticated' religious orientation comes into contact with a primal culture.

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QUESTION TWO

Discuss the reasons why some religious bodies are labeled 'new religious movements'

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QUESTION THREE

AICs to Africans are 'a place to feel at home'

What is your understanding of the above assertion, in relation to the knowledge you have acquired in your study of the African religious worldview.

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QUESTION FOUR

"The coming of Christianity brought mixed blessings for African women" (Nyawo, 2017).

Drawing on your study of emerging Christian expressions in Africa, provide evidence to the above statement. Cite relevant examples to strengthen your argument.

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QUESTION FIVE

Critically analyse the factors that stimulated the growth of new religions in the Republic of Korea.

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QUESTION SIX

'The strengths of the NRMs can be their weaknesses' (Nyawo, 2017)

Discuss the above statement in relation to the future survival of NRMs.

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