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MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER 2017

TITLE OF PAPER: AFRICAN TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS I

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TIME ALLOWED: (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: (1) ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS  
(2) ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

TOTAL MARKS:60

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1. Discuss the claim by Jacob Olupona that “Africans integrate their religious worldview into every aspect of life” (2006).
2. Is John Mbiti’s observation that earlier interpretations of African Religion were “inadequate, derogatory and prejudicial” (1989) still relevant in the twenty-first century? Give relevant examples to illustrate your views.
3. Several decades ago E. Bolaji Idowu identified “five component elements that go into the making of African Religion” (1973). Critically discuss these elements, showing the extent to which his observation is applicable to African Religion in southern Africa and Swaziland.
4. “African religiosity has a positive contribution to make to the world” (Mbiti 2001). Explain this claim.
5. Write short critical notes on the following features of indigenous African worldviews: (i) the concept of time, ( ii) the notion of God.
6. “Swazi Religion is a social fact in contemporary Swazi society” (Ndlovu 1998). Critically discuss this claim.