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TITLE OF PAPER : AFRICAN TRADITIONAL RELIGION II
COURSE CODE : TRS 304
DURATION : 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Answer three (3) questions in all.
2. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.
3. All questions carry equal marks.

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Question 1

What is the place of traditional medicine and healing in African society today? Illustrate your answer with particular reference to two contemporary African societies.

Question 2

Explain the values, beliefs and philosophy that are frequently dramatized, reflected and embedded in traditional African burial rites. Draw specific examples from recent literature.

Question 3

Is there a place for sacred monarchies in a democratic African society? Illustrate your answer with data from empirical studies.

Question 4

Are there any aspects of African culture that promote a positive depiction of women in society? Support your answer with reliable sources drawn from recent literature.

Question 5

Critically examine the claim that “most Swazi Christians pray to God and the ancestors”.

Question 6

Is there a place for the ethics of African Religion in our day and age? Support your answer with reliable sources drawn from recent literature.