

**COURSE CODE TRS401 (M) 2018**

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

**MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER 2018**

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. What type of religion is Buddhism? Explain its moral and ethical system.
2. "For about 2000 years the sacred writings of Confucianism have been the mainstay of the curriculum in Chinese education" (Ndlovu 2016). Explain this statement with particular reference to the place of Confucianism in contemporary Chinese cultural heritage.
3. Discuss the distinctive features of Shintoism and show the extent to which it shares common attributes with Native American Religion and African Religion.
4. Describe and explain the polemic dimension of the Islamic **Shahadah** (the Daily Confession). Can Muslims re-interpret the **Shahadah** in a charitable manner?
5. Discuss the points of convergence and divergence between Islam and the Baha'i Faith. In your view, what is the future of the Baha'i Faith?
6. What is your opinion of interfaith dialogue? How can the Abrahamic Religions of the world be reconciled to one another?