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Course Code: TRS 405

Course Title: Religion and Ideology in Contemporary Africa II

Duration: Two (2) Hrs.

Instructions

- a. Answer three (3) questions.
- b. Your answer to each question should be structured and consistently focused on the issue on which you are writing.
- c. Indicate on the front cover page of your answer script the name of your programme of study and whether you are a full time or an IDE candidate.

NB: All questions are worth 25 marks.

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Question 1

Discuss how Othering Theory can inform advocacy of interreligious dialogue towards cultivating a culture of religious tolerance.

Question 2

Comparatively analyse the two types of religion-state models that Smith (2005) identifies as 'separation with establishment' and 'separation with interaction' to foreground their respective pros and cons.

Question 3

Analyse the historical, political and socio-cultural factors that underpinned the non-involvement of Muslims in the 1994 Rwandan genocide.

Question 4

Evaluate the conceptual relationship between the core tenets of Kenneth Kaunda's Zambian Humanism and some fundamental doctrine of Christianity.

Question 5

Comment on the trajectories of state appropriation of religion in the public realm from the first presidency of Mandela through that of Mbeki to that of Zuma as sketched out by West in his paper titled "Jesus, Jacob Zuma, and the New Jerusalem: Religion in the Public Realm between Polokwane and the Presidency" (2010).

Question 6

Interrogate the co-existence of the reference to God made in the Preamble and the provisions of religious freedom contained in section 23 in the Constitution of Swaziland.
