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TITLE OF PAPER : AFRICAN RELIGION: PAST AND PRESENT

COURSE CODE : TRS 308

DURATION : 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Answer three (3) questions in all.
2. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.
3. You must acknowledge your sources.
4. All questions carry equal marks.

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Question 1

“Almost by nature, Africans are deeply religious” (Mbiti 2016). Write a critique of this statement with particular reference to the place of African Religion in contemporary African society.

Question 2

What is meant by scientific approaches to the study of African Religion? Draw specific examples from the sources that you have studied.

Question 3

To what extent, if any, can one describe traditional healing and sacred monarchies as one of the key custodians of African Religion in our day and age? Give relevant examples.

Question 4

Identify and explain the ways in which traditional African Religion has adapted to the pressures of modernity.

Question 5

“African religion acknowledges the same God who is depicted (similarly and differently) in the Bible” (Mbiti 2016). Write a critique of this claim.

Question 6

Explain the interpretation of good and bad, or right and wrong in African Religion.