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MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER 2018

TITLE OF PAPER: AFRICAN TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS I

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TIME ALLOWED: THREE (2) HOURS

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

TOTAL MARKS:60

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1. "African Traditional Religions are studied as a subject alongside Christianity and Islam as one of the three major religious traditions which have for centuries influenced and have continued to influence the thinking, beliefs, attitudes and lives of millions of Africans" (Ikenga-Metuh, E. 1987). Discuss this assertion with particular reference to the claim that African indigenous religion continue "to influence the thinking, beliefs, attitudes and lives of millions of Africans".
2. "While we do not speak of '**the African God**' . . . we can legitimately speak of '**an African God**': that is, God as perceived and understood from within the cultural matrix of a particular African society" (Letsholo, G. D., 2002). Explain this statement, drawing examples from at least three African Religions to support your clarification.
3. Discuss the key features of traditional African Religion as postulated by leading scholars such as Mbiti, Idowu and Ikenga-Metuh.
4. Identify and discuss any three aspects of traditional African worldviews that shape the thoughts and social behaviour of many Africans in contemporary African society.
5. Discuss any three controversial themes in current studies of African traditions.
6. What is the future of traditional African Religion? Draw concrete illustrations from recent studies.