

COURSE CODE TRS103 (M) 2019

UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI

MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER 2019

THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

B.A / B.ED IV / IDE

TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCING THE STUDY OF RELIGION

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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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Question 1

“Religion is a concept which is hard to define. As a result, religion has remained one of the concepts which has been defined in various ways ”(Nyaundi). Explain this observation.

Question 2

What is theology? Giving relevant examples, explain why it is hard to have a single Christian theology.

Question 3

“Explain the strengths and weaknesses of one of the following approaches to the study religion:

- i. Sociological approach
- ii. Psychological approach
- iii. Philosophical approach

Question 4

Explain how phenomenological approaches to the study of religion seek to understand religion differently from a theologian or a social scientist. In your view, what are the shortcomings of the phenomenological approaches?

Question 5

What is meant by feminist approaches to the study of religion? Discuss their contributions to knowledge and understanding of religion.

Question 6

Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of hermeneutic approaches to the study of religion.