

**COURSE CODE TRS303 (M) 2019**

**UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI**

**MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER 2019**

**THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**B.A / B.ED IV / IDE**

**TITLE OF PAPER: AFRICAN TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS I**

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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 is the place of African Traditional Religion in sub-Saharan African society today?
2. “For too long traditional religions have been dismissed by many European and North American writers as barbaric, primitive, tribal, native, demonic, superstitious, animism, magic, sorcery, pagan, heathen, savage, fetish, and so on and so forth” (Ndlovu 2019). Write a critique of this statement, basing your views on recent literature.
3. “African traditional faiths form a cohesive religious tradition” (Olupona 2014). Explain this claim, showing the extent to which the different indigenous religions “form a cohesive religious tradition”.
4. What does the traditional African worldview teach about social ethics? Do you find the teaching compelling in our day and age?
5. What can we learn from African Traditional Religion about the environment and how to it can be conserved?
6. Which academic approach to the study of African Tradition Religion appeals to you most? Draw your facts from recent studies.