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TITLE OF PAPER : Religion, Conflict and Peace
COURSE CODE : TRS 333
DURATION : 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Choose and answer three (3) questions in all.
2. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.
3. Each Question carries 20 marks.

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Question 1

Discuss any three types of conflicts you know and indicate, with reasons, which one of them you think would be most difficult to handle. [20]

Question 2

Discuss any recent event reported in the media (in Eswatini) that has, in your opinion, escalated to any one of the nine steps in the Staircase Model of Conflict Escalation and De-escalation. [20]

Question 3

Name three general views of conflict and show with reasons which one of them you find more reasonable or sensible for your country's context. [20]

Question 4

Compare and contrast intergroup conflicts with intrasociety conflicts [20]

Question 5

Explain circumstances under which religion can be a source of:

- a) Conflict
- b) Peace

Provide one concrete example in each case to highlight your point. [20]

Question 6

Ruling elites often use religious ideology in order to increase their control over society and to bolster their public image. Agree or disagree with this assertion with reasons. [20]