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Course code : TRS 404
Course title : Religion and Ideology in Contemporary Africa I
Duration : 2 (Two) Hours

Instructions

- a. Answer three questions.
- b. Your answer to each question must be structured and consistently focused on the subject matter at hand.
- c. Indicate on the front cover of your answer script the name of your programme of study.

NB: All questions are worth 20 marks.

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Question 1

Based on a functionalist perspective, discuss the ways in which religion suitably becomes a driver of violent extremism.

Question 2

Explain the varying contributing factors to Islamist violent extremism in either East or West African countries since the late 1990s.

Question 3

Analyse the ideological use of religion in the documented successive election campaigns of political parties throughout the 4th Republic of Ghana.

Question 4

Discuss the bases on which de Montclos (2014) classifies Nigeria's Boko Haram as a *de facto* indigenous political uprising fuelled by a religious ideology contrary to those that dismiss the group as a mere gang of armed robbers without any political or social agenda.

Question 5

Analyse the changing relationship between Church and State in Kenya in the aftermath of the Second Liberation Struggle using the theoretical framework of "Prophetic realism" (Fowler, 1987).

Question 6

With reference to relevant policies and practices, demonstrate the validity of the observation that Ujamaa was a "double-edged" (Olsson, 2011) political ideology for postcolonial Tanzania up until the advent of socio-economic and political liberalisation from 1995.
