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MAIN EXAMINATION, APRIL 2021

TITLE OF PAPER : Introducing the Study of Religion
COURSE CODE : TRS 103
DURATION : 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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 factors that one has to take into consideration when defining religion [20]

Question 2

Write an essay on what, in your opinion, is the importance of religion in human life [20]

Question 3

Give a brief discussion of any two Social Sciences approaches to the study of religion, highlighting the uniqueness of methodologies used in each approach [20]

Question 4

Distinguish between theology and Science of Religion, paying special attention to the main branches into which each of these disciplines is divided [20]

Question 5

Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of phenomenological approaches to the study of religion [20]

Question 6

Explore ways in which feminist approaches to the study of religion contribute to a better understanding of the impact of religion in society [20]