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MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER, APRIL 2021

TITLE OF PAPER : NEW RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS

COURSE CODE : TRS113

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

MARKS : 75

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. ANSWER ANY **THREE (3)** QUESTIONS.
2. EACH QUESTION CARRIES **25** MARKS.
3. BEGIN EACH QUESTION ON A NEW PAGE.
4. CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CLARITY, ACCURACY AND GOOD THEOLOGICAL INSIGHT.

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QUESTION ONE

How is 'newness' defined in the context of religious bodies?

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QUESTION TWO

"The emergence of New Religious Movements is a reaction to frustration, political landscapes, poverty and suppression".

Discuss the above assertion whilst also citing relevant examples that will support your argument.

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QUESTION THREE

AICs to Africans are 'a place to feel at home'

What is your understanding of the above assertion, in relation to the knowledge you have acquired in your study of the religious African worldview?

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QUESTION FOUR

"The coming of Christianity brought mixed blessings for African women"

(Nyawo, 2017:79).

Drawing on your study of emerging Christian expressions in Africa, provide evidence to the above statement? Cite relevant examples to strengthen your argument.

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QUESTION FIVE

Explain the reasons why Charismatic African Christianity has become a vital phenomenon to be reckoned with in contemporary society.

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QUESTION SIX

To what extent can popularity and charisma be both a strength and weakness to the survival of NRMS?

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