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

Instructions

1. Answer three (3) questions only.
2. It is expected that your answer will contain the following elements on which you will be assessed:
 - a) relevant content;
 - b) critical engagement with scholarly literature and peer views;
 - c) originality of thought; and
 - d) communication skills.

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QUESTION 1

Comment on the problematic intellectual history of the concept of ideology.

QUESTION 2

Discuss the challenges presented to the leadership of the newly independent Sub-Saharan nations particularly as they pertained to ideological construction and implementation of corresponding political programmes.

QUESTION 3

Assess the value of the thesis of the "Triple Heritage" as advanced first by Kwame Nkrumah and later by Ali Mazrui as a descriptor for the religious conditions against which political redirection of newly independent Sub-Saharan nations had to take place.

QUESTION 4

Respond to Ter Haar and Ellis' (2009) refutation of Terence Ranger's reference to African Religious practices as the "occult" (2007).

QUESTION 5

Evaluate the inculturation of Christian practice by African Instituted Churches as political response in Sub-Saharan African nations in the early post-colonial context.

QUESTION 6

With reference to relevant country cases, rationalize the contrasting trajectories of participation of Muslims in the political life of their respective nations in the early post-colonial period in Sub-Saharan Africa.