

COURSE CODE TRS409 (M) 2021

UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI

MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER 2021

THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

B.A / B.ED IV / IDE

TITLE OF PAPER: WORLD RELIGIONS

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TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS

2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

TOTAL MARKS : 60

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1. Write a critique of van Beek's and Blakely's definition of religion as "a human interaction with a culturally postulated non-falsifiable reality".
2. Discuss from a scholarly perspective the rationale for the study of world religions.
3. Compare and contrast key doctrine and practices of Native American Religion and Shinto. What can we learn from these religions about the meaning and purpose of life?
4. Explain the areas of continuity and discontinuity between Hinduism and Buddhism. What lessons can we be drawn about the nature religion from the areas of discontinuity between the two belief systems?
5. Explain the social and historical ties between Islam and the Baha'i Faith. Discuss the distinctive social vision of the Baha'i Faith.
6. Compare the social teachings of any two world religions pertaining to war, peace and justice. Are mutual relations and interfaith dialogue between the two religions possible? Explain your position.