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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

Examination for Diploma in Education

ARE 0103: COMPARATIVE RELIGION

Date: 1st August, 2014

Time: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question 1 and any other two

1. (a) Using your own words, give at least your definitions for religion. (8 marks)
- (b) Discuss the functions of religion under the following.
 - (i) Social mobilizer or a unifying factor
 - (ii) Sigh for the oppressed
 - (iii) Personality development
 - (iv) Form of defense and security. (12 marks)
- (c) Briefly explain the key elements of Egyptian and Greek Religion and culture clearly indicating their similarities. (10 marks)
2. (a) Highlight any four elements of African Religion and culture which have been borrowed by modern religion. (8 marks)
- (b) Briefly explain the future of African religion by giving examples. (12 marks)
3. (a) Discuss the following four stages as per Hindu Philosophy that lead to liberation from all evil and recycling of birth.
 - (i) Dharma
 - (ii) Karma
 - (iii) Samara
 - (iv) Yoga (12 marks)

- (b) Explain the concepts of gods as used in the African, Egyptian and Greek Religions. (8 marks)
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 - (a) Explain the origin and growth of Christianity, indicating the concept of God and scriptures. (12 marks)
 - (b) Outline the sharia law in Islam religion. (8 marks)