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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

ARE 501: PHENOMENOLOGY OF RELIGION

DATE: 29/4/2019   **TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM**

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and any other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

a)   Discuss the distinctive characteristics of phenomenology of religion   (15 marks)

b)   Explain the contributions to phenomenology of religion by the following scholars:

          i.   Pierre Daniël Chantepie de la Saussaye   (5 marks)

          ii.   William Brede Kristensen   (5 marks)

          iii.   Gerardus van der Leeuw   (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Enumerate the steps that a phenomenologist of religion must follow to obtain an objective study of a religious phenomenon.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Distinguish between:

a)   Phenomenology of religion and History of religion   (10 marks)

b)   Theological reductionism and scientific reductionism   (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Summarize John Ferguson's (1978) seventeen 7 definitions of religion into five broad categories.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Demonstrate the fact that all religions are somewhat related.