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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN
EDUCATION (ARTS)**

ARE 0104: PHENOMENOLOGY OF RELIGION

DATE: 5/6/2017

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1.
 - a) Give a brief definition of the term ‘existentialism’ and explain what you Understand by Satres slogan, ‘existence precedes essence” (15 marks)
 - b) What would you say are the advantages of the phenomenological study of religion (8 marks)
 - c) Why were taboos important in Traditional African society? (7 marks)
2.
 - a) Describe the characteristics of the sacred according to Emile Durkheim (10 marks)
 - b) Briefly discuss the characteristics of religious symbols (10 marks)
3.
 - a) Briefly explain what a myth is and outline the characteristics of a myth (10 marks)
 - b) Define the term ‘tottemisms’ and outline the characteristics of a myth (10 marks)
4. Explain how the dimension of religion are applied in a Christian wedding. (20 marks)
5.
 - a) Based on the class discussion, explain the term ‘secularization’ and write short notes on the types of the secularization process. (10 marks)
 - b) Outline the functions of a myth in any given society (10 marks)