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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (ARTS)

ARE 0104: PHENOMENOLOGY OF RELIGION

DATE: 29/4/2019 **TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM**

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and any other Two Questions

1. a) Based on class discussion, write short notes on the secularization concept (15 marks)

   b) Identify the advantages of the phenomenological study of religion. (8 marks)

   c) Describe the characteristics of the sacred according to Emile Durkheim. (7 marks)

2. Discuss the importance of taboos in traditional African societies. (20 marks)

3. Explain five theories of the origin of religion. (20 marks)

4. Discuss the characteristics of the mystical state. (20 marks)

5. a) Explain the characteristics of the religious symbols. (10 marks)

   b) Discuss the positive functions of religion. (10 marks)