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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER SPECIAL/ SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR
BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**
ARE 200: COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS

DATE: 7/3/2023

TIME: 8.30 – 10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) State the contribution of religion to the contemporary society. (10 marks)
- (b) Giving examples, show how ancient religions came to influence modern religions (10 marks)
- (c) Briefly explain the following with regard to sociology of religion:
 - a) Sacred and profane (5 marks)
 - b) Totemism (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Present in detail the beliefs and practices of ANY of the following religions:

- (a) Buddhism (10 marks)
- (b) Judaism (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Study of Comparative Religion facilitates better understanding and appreciation of other faiths and cultures. Discuss. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR(20 MARKS)

Classify the following religions according to the seven dimensions of religion.

- (a) Christianity (10 marks)
- (b) Islam (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Describe the manifestations of African Religion in the contemporary African Society. (20 marks)