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SUPPLEMENTARY/ SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS

**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS**

RELI 100: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF RELIGION

STREAMS: BED (ARTS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 01/02/2021

11.30 AM – 1.30 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN SECTION A AND ANY TWO IN SECTION B

SECTION A

1. a) Explain what the term religion means. [6 marks]
- b) Assess the difficulties faced by scholars in their attempt to study religion. [6 marks]
- c) Highlight the theories that explain the origin of religion. [6 marks]
- d) Describe the characteristics of religion. [6 marks]
- e) Explain the significant value of religious symbols. [6 marks]

SECTION B

2. Discuss the role of religion in the social, economic and political sphere in the society. [20 marks]
3. Highlight the contribution of any two of the following scholars in the study of religion:
 - (i) Max Weber [10 marks]
 - (ii) Erick Erickson [10 marks]
 - (iii) Sigmund Freud [10 marks]
 - (iv) Karl Max [10 marks]

4. Explain what the term secularism means and by way of relevant examples, discuss its impact in religious beliefs and practices. [20 marks]
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