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

RELI 100: INTRODUCTION TO STUDY OF RELIGION

STREAMS: BED ARTS (PART TIME)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 29/03/2021

2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.

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) Highlight the problems associated with the study of religion as an academic discipline. (6 marks)
- (c) State the characteristics of religion as a phenomena in human society. (6 marks)
- (d) Explain the social and economic role of religion in society. (6 marks)
- (e) Contrast between the traditional and phenomenological methodologies used in the study of religion. (6 marks)

SECTION B

2. Discuss the theories that explain the origin of religion citing the possible criticisms of each. (20 marks)
 3. Identify and discuss the prevailing religious schools of thought. Which of these schools of thought appeal to you and why? (20 marks)
 4. Explain the contribution of religion to science on one hand and contribution of science to religion on the other. (20 marks)
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