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**SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS**

RELI 205: PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

STREAMS: Y3S1

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 6 /07/ 2021

2.30 PM – 4.30 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer All questions in Section A and any Two in Section B.

SECTION A

1.a) Define the following terms:

- Epistemology
- Religion
- Metaphysics
- Agnosticism
- Henotheism

[10 Marks]

b) Explain why philosophy is an indispensable discipline in the study of religion.

[5 Marks]

2. What is the meaning of the term “ philosophy of religion?”

Elucidate the importance of philosophy of religion in the society.

[15 Marks]

SECTION B

3. “God is a being than which nothing greater can be conceived” (Anselm)

Explain the exact meaning of this statement and show how it has been applied to justify the existence of God.

What are the main strengths and weaknesses of this argument?

[20 Marks]

4. Explain why it has been difficult to convince people that God is loving and merciful in the midst of their pain and suffering.
How does St. Augustine address this challenge? To what extent do you agree or disagree with him? [20 Marks]

 5. “Human Freedom is man’s threat to his survival”.
Borrowing from the story of the fall of man in Genesis, explain how man has used the ‘freedom’ he was given to threaten his own survival in the universe today. [20 Marks]
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