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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DOCTORATE OF PHYLOSOPHY

RELI 910: CONTEMPORARY TRENDS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

STREAMS: SB

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 06/12/2018

8.30 A.M – 11.30 A.M

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer question one and any other three from section two

SECTION ONE

1. (a) Identify and discuss any five global trends in religion. [5 marks]
(b) Analyze causes on new religious movements. [5 marks]
(c) Discuss the significance of interfaith dialogue. [5 marks]

SECTION TWO

2. Critically analyze contemporary challenges of Christianity by any of the following scholars.
 - (a) Annamma M.A. ‘Missionary method of mother Teresa of Calcutta’ [7¹/₂ marks]
 - (b)Blanchi,E.C.”The ecological challenge of Christianity” [7 ¹/₂ marks]
3. Briefly examine any two of the following modern theologies. [15 marks]
 - (i) Black theology
 - (ii) Positivism
 - (iii) Feminist theology
 - (iv) Reconstructionist theology

4. “Inculturation theology is applicable in all social, religious and cultural backgrounds”
Discuss this statement in the contexts of Richard Niebuhr’s Christ and culture”
conceptual framework. [15 marks]
5. Critically examine involvement of the following groups in Christianity worldwide. [15 marks]
- (i) Women
 - (ii) Persons living with disabilities
 - (iii) The youth
6. In light of David Gitari and Bishop Okullu, discuss the positive and negative effects of
the clergy’s active involvement in politics. [15 marks]
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