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

**RELI 100: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF RELIGION**

**STREAMS: BED (ARTS), BA**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: MONDAY 10/12/2018**

**11.30 AM – 1.30 PM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Answer ALL the questions in Section A and any Two in Section B**

**SECTION A**

1. (a) Explain briefly 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 as a human phenomenon. [6 marks]
- (d) Describe the characteristics of religion as a universal human phenomenon. [6 marks]
- (e) Explain the significant values of religious symbol. [6 marks]

**SECTION B**

2. Discuss the role of religion in the social, economic and political change in societies where it is found. [20 marks]
3. Highlight the contribution of any two of the following scholars in religion; Max Weber, Erick Erickson, Sigmund Freud, Karl Max. [20 marks]

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