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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE  
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

RELI 221: COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS

STREAMS: BED (ARTS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 17/12/2018

8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer all questions in section A and any other TWO in section 2**

**SECTION A**

1. (i) Explain the purpose of the study of comparative religions in the institutions of higher learning. [3 marks]
- (ii) Why is it right to define religion as the “conscience of the society?” [5 marks]
- (iii) Explain the material dimension of religion as propagated by Ninian Smart. [3 marks]
- (iv) Account for the rapid growth of religions in the developing nations today. [4 marks]
2. How have the Africans view of religion affected their attributes and perceptions of life. [15 marks]

**SECTION B**

3. Why is Islam described as a total way of life? Describe the various challenges facing the development of Islam today. [20 marks]
4. Discuss the Hindu Doctrine of Karma and show how it compares with the Christian teaching about life after death. [20 marks]
5. Describe the life of Mahavira. What main lessons can religious and political leaders of Africa learn from Mahavira concerning living a selfless life? What lessons can be learnt from this .....concerning caring for others and the surrounding? [20 marks]