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# FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

**RELI 912: SCIENCE OF RELIGION** 

STREAMS: PhD (RELI) SB TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 5/12/2018 11.30 A.M - 2.30 P.M.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

• Answer <u>ALL</u> Questions

- 1. (i) Why is the field of Science of religion becoming an important area of study today?

  [3 Marks]
  - (ii) Showing the main characteristics of Science, explain how Science differs from religion.

    [6 Marks]
  - (iii) How can the contrasts between Science and religion be utilized for the benefit of man?

    [6 Marks]
- 2. Using the 'rise of modern science as your base of argument, explicate why it is right to regard religion as the 'mother of all Sciences'. [15 Marks]
- 3. (i) Critically evaluate how the traditional African man consciously or unconsciously used Science for his/her benefit. [9 Marks]
  - (ii) Most of the world religions teach about life after death. Discuss how Science can be applied to actualize this belief. [6 Marks]
- 4. (i) 'Modern Science has given man an unprecented access to the mind of God. Discuss.

  [8 Marks]
  - (ii) How have the Jews utilized their religious teaching that the 'knowledge of Science is the knowledge of God' for the welfare of their community? [7 Marks]

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