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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF DOCTORATE OF
PHILOSOPHY IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

RELI 941: INTERFAITH RELATIONS

STREAMS: PhD RELIGIOUS STUDIES

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 12/08/2019

8.30 A.M. – 11.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer ALL questions**

- Using examples, explain the main characteristics of interfaith relations. (2 marks)
 - What were the main issues emphasized by the 1893 world parliament of religions? Critically examine its success in forging unity between religions. (8 marks)
 - What are the main challenges facing interfaces dialogue today? (5 marks)
- Discuss the main factors influencing people's religious orientation. (8 marks)
 - Using the factors you raise above elucidate why George Santayana is right to argue that "what religion a man shall have is a historical accident..." (7 marks)
- "Mtu ni watu". Examine how this African saying can be of great significance to the African religious pluralistic society. (8 marks)
 - Discuss how the concept of "Thon art" in both Christianity and Hinduism can be employed in forging unity between Christians and Hindus. (7 marks)
- "As the different streams having their sources in places all mingle their water in the sea. O Lord,... the different paths which people take all lead to thee" (Swami Vivekananda)

Critically evaluate what was in Vivekananda's mind when he say this song to the world parliament of religions in 1893, and show the significance of this song in Kenya today. (8 marks)

- (b) "Service unites, Doctrine divines." Discuss this statement in relation to the future of religion in the world. (7 marks)
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