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FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

RELI 100: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF RELIGION

STREAMS: BED (ARTS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 05/12/2017

8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN SECTION A AND ANY TWO IN SECTION B

SECTION A

1. (a) Why is religion a complex reality? [3 marks]
- (b) Define religion according to Emile Durkheim and examine the challenge of defining religion this way. [5 marks]
- (c) Briefly explain how religions were born. [5 marks]
- (d) Why does Mugambi describe religion as a fabric? [2 marks]
2. Discuss the main approaches employed in the study of religion and comment on which one you think is the most necessary and why. [15 marks]

SECTION B

3. Using practical examples, examine the role of religion in the society. [20 marks]
4. What main factors determine our religious orientation? Examine why followers of a certain religion must not undermine followers of other religions. [20 marks]
5. A sustainable religion must have certain characteristics. Discuss some of them and briefly comment on whether a religion you know has them. [20 marks]