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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS,
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN RELIGION AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS**

RELI 100: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF RELIGION

STREAMS: BA (ARTS), BA (RELI), BED (ARTS) Y1S1

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 16/12/2020

2.30 P.M. –4.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer all questions in section A and any two in section B.**

SECTION A

1. (a) Explain briefly what the term religion means. (6 marks)
- (b) Highlight the problems associated with the study of religion as an academic discipline. (6 marks)
- (c) State the significant characteristics of religion as a phenomena in human society. (6 marks)
- (d) Explain the socio-economic role of religion in society. (6 marks)
- (e) Contrast between the traditional and phenomenological approaches in the study of religion. (6 marks)

SECTION B

2. Discuss the theories that explain the origin of religion citing the possible criticisms of each. (20 marks)
3. Explain the contribution of any two of the following phenomenologists of religion:
 - (a) Rudoff Otto (10 marks)

- (b) Mircea Eliade (10 marks)
 - (c) Gevardous Van Der-Leuw (10 marks)
 - (d) Sigmund Freud (10 marks)
 - (e) Karl Max (10 marks)
4. Identify and discuss the prevailing religious schools of thought. Which of these schools of thought appeals to you and why? (20 marks)
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