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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION (ARTS)**

RELI 100: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF RELIGION

STREAMS: BED (ARTS) (PT)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: FRIDAY 29/12/2023

8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

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

SECTION A

1. a) Explain briefly what the term phenomenology of religion means. (5 marks)
b) Highlight the problems associated with the study of religion as an academic subject. (5 marks)
c) State the significant characteristics of religion as a phenomena in human society. (5 marks)
d) Explain the socio-economic role of religion in society. (5 marks)
e) Contrast between the traditional and phenomenological approaches in the study of religion. (5 marks)
f) Describe the significant values of religious symbols. (5 marks)

SECTION B

2. Discuss the theories which explain the origin of religion as a human phenomena citing possible criticism of each theory. (20 marks)
3. Identify and discuss the prevailing religious schools of thought. Which of these schools appeals to you and why? (20 marks)

4. Discuss the areas of dialogue on one hand and areas of conflict on the other between science and religion. (20 marks)

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