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THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

EHI 3300: HISTORY OF RELIGIONS IN AFRICA

DATE: JANUARY 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question *one* and any other *two* questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the origin of belief systems in religion (5 marks)
- b) Africa is a continent with no single body of religious beliefs and practices. Justify this statement citing relevant examples (5 marks)
- c) Elucidate the causes Christian Reformations which led to the spread of Christianity in Africa (10 marks)
- d) Explain the main beliefs of Islam as laid down in the Quran (5 marks)
- e) Briefly explain the common practices/pillars of Islam (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Assess the functions of religion in society (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the impact of Islam on the peoples of Africa (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Account for the spread of Christianity in North Africa (10 marks)
- b) Assess the spread of Islam in Africa citing relevant examples (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Elucidate the contribution of the early North-African church in the history of Christianity (10 marks)
- b) Citing relevant examples explain the overview of Hindu religion (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the main beliefs of Judaism as a religion in Africa giving its general overview (10 marks)
- b) Siddhartha Gautama, who later became known as the Buddha, founded Buddhism in the fifth century B.C. Assess the overview of Buddhism as advanced by Gautama (10 marks)