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

ECR 3100: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF RELIGION

DATE: JANUARY 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

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

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define Religion (5 marks)
- b) Discuss the two theories on the origins of Religion (4 Marks)
- c) Examine the Periods in Religious History (10 Marks)
- d) Comment on the statement that “Religion is both an individual and a social activity” (6 Marks)
- e) Elucidate five common characteristics of the religious attitude on life (5 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)

- a) Describe the role of religion in human society (10 Marks)
- b) Discuss ecumenism in respect to religion (5 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the dimensions of religion according to Ninia Smart (10 marks)
- b) Explain five key elements of religion (5 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)

- a) Explain the importance of studying Religion and how you will apply it in daily activities (10 Marks)
- b) Discuss the place of religion in the functionality of state (5 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (15 MARKS)

Identify the main problem facing religion in Africa, analyze it, and critically offer possible solutions (15 Marks)