



GRETSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS JANUARY – APRIL 2017 SEMESTER

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: RELI 100

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO WORLD RELIGIONS

DATE: 3 APRIL 2017

TIME: 8.00 AM – 11.00 AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. QUESTION ONE IS **COMPULSORY**.
2. ANSWER ANY OTHER **THREE** QUESTIONS.
3. **DO NOT** WRITE ANYTHING ON THIS QUESTION PAPER AS IT WILL BE AN EXAM IRREGULARITY.
4. ALL ROUGH WORK SHOULD BE AT THE BACK OF YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET AND CROSSED OUT.

CAUTION: All exam rooms are under CCTV surveillance during the examination period.

SECTION A (40 marks)

1. a. What is religion? (4 Marks)
- b. Religion and culture can never be separated. Expound this from an African traditional religion perspective. (10 Marks)
- c. Why is it difficult to arrive at a universal definition of religion? (6 Marks)
- d. An atheist will always be a more objective student of religion than a believer. How far do you agree or disagree with this statement. (8 Marks)
- e. State and explain any three attributes of religion. (6 Marks)
- f. Define any three concepts of religion. (6 Marks)

SECTION B (60 marks)

2. a. Compare and contrast the Babylonian myth about the flood with that of Noah in the Old Testament. (10 Marks)
- b. Enlighten the social features important in the expansion of Christianity. (10 Marks)
- 3 a. State and explain the beliefs of Shamanism plus the three chief purposes of Shamanistic ceremonies (12 Marks)
- b. Compare and contrast the doctrine of Karma found in Hinduism and Buddhism. (8 Marks)

- 4 a. Find out the Founders, the places of origin, and cultural background of Christianity,
Hinduism, and Buddhism. (12 Marks)
- b. In what chief ways do Jews believe that God has made his will known to them? (8 Marks)
- 5 a. State the four noble truth that help Buddhist achieve nirvana (4 Marks)
- b. Expound each of them. (16 Marks)
6. a. Explain the African concept of God. (8 Marks)
- b. Define the three categories of the Hindu scripture (12 Marks)