



GRETSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
JANUARY - APRIL 2021 SEMESTER**

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: RELI 101

COURSE TITLE: AFRICAN TRADITIONAL RELIGION

DATE: 11 MAY 2021

TIME: 11.30 AM - 2.30 PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. SECTION A IS **COMPULSORY**.
2. SECTION B: 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: COMPULSORY

QUESTION ONE

- a) Are there any aspects/objects in your community that serve as sources of African religion?
Identify any two. **[2 Marks]**
- b) Evaluate the statement, “Africans are worshippers by nature” **[4 Marks]**
- c) Find out the names of God in your community and give its/their meaning (s) **[2 Marks]**
- d) Briefly explain two types of magic **[4 Marks]**
- e) Explain the meanings of the following terms **[6 Marks]**
African Traditional Religion
Taboos
Rite of Passage
- f) In your view, which practices in the African Traditional Religion an African Christian must abandon on becoming a Christian? **[4 Marks]**
- g) Compare and contrast worship in the African Traditional Religion and worship in the church today **[4 Marks]**
- h) Find out the effect and consequences of violating taboos. **[2 Marks]**
- i) From a Christian standpoint, defend three practises of the African Traditional Religion that an African Christian can maintain, without compromising his Christian faith **[6 Marks]**
- j) Explain two reasons why it is important to study African Traditional Religion **[4 Marks]**
- k) There are several sources of African Religion. Explain any two **[2 Marks]**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

QUESTION TWO

- a) African Traditional Societies had specialists in different fields. Examine the roles of the following in Traditional Africa **[6 Marks]**
Mediums
Diviners
Prophets
- b) Describe three reasons for worship in African religion **[6 Marks]**
- c) Describe four different types of worship in African religion **[8 Marks]**

QUESTION THREE

- a) Describe three general attributes of God in African Traditional Religion and compare them with biblical attributes of God **[6 Marks]**
- b) Confirm or deny whether the God worshipped the Africans is the same God revealed in the Bible **[5 Marks]**
- c) Do you think female circumcision in Africa is valid? Give reasons for your answer **[5 Marks]**
- d) Briefly explain any two roles of charms in Traditional Africa **[4 Marks]**

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Evaluate the significance of the rites of passage **[6 Marks]**
- b) Analyze any three methods of worship in your community's African Traditional Religion, and show how this compares with Christian methods of worship. **[8 Marks]**
- c) Defining ATR has proved to be difficult. Describe any three reasons for the difficulties in defining ATR **[6 Marks]**

QUESTION FIVE

- a) There are five fundamental elements of African Religion and Culture. Evaluate any four **[8 Marks]**
- b) Analyze the concept of evil in Africa **[6 Marks]**
- c) Argue for or against the statement, 'Africans had a concept of God, even before the coming of western missionaries.' **[6 Marks]**