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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: SEPTEMBER 2019

TIME: 2 HOURS

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

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Critically assess any two theories explaining the origin of religion (10 marks)
- b) There is yet no single or unified comprehensive definition of religion. Explain (6 marks)
- c) Analyze ritual and belief elements showing how they help man in understanding the religious world he lives in (10 marks)
- d) Religion is the opium of the people'. Explain this statement (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Religion plays an important role in the human society. Discuss (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Evaluate four dimensions of religion analyzed by Niniah smart in his attempt to define religion (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss the challenges facing the current state of religion in the contemporary society (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Analyze the following approaches to religion

- i. Sociological (5 marks)
- ii. Historical (5 marks)
- iii. Psychological (5 marks)
- iv. Hermeneutical (5 marks)