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## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024

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

### ECR 3100: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF RELIGION

DATE: DECEMBER 2023

TIME: 2 HOURS

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Answer Question *One* (Compulsory) and any other *Two* Questions

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#### QUESTION ONE - (30 MARKS)

- a) Critically analyze the meaning of Religion. (6 Marks)
- b) State the elements of religion. (5 Marks)
- c) Examine monotheistic religion as one category of the world religions. (6 Marks)
- d) Examine the effects of individualism on Religion. (5 Marks)
- e) Comment on Mbiti's stand that "Religion cannot be separated from other aspects of life". (3 Marks)
- f) Examine the impact of secularization on Religion. (5 Marks)

#### QUESTION TWO – (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the dimensions of religion according to Ninia Smart. (15 Marks)
- b) Comment on the impact of Globalization on Religion. (5 Marks)

**QUESTION THREE - (20 MARKS)**

- a) Assess the impact of contemporary ideas on the present state of religion in Africa. (15 Marks)
- b) Define secularization of Religion. (5 Marks)

**QUESTION FOUR – (20 MARKS)**

Identify the main problem facing religion in Africa, analyze it, and critically offer possible solutions. (20 Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE – (20 MARKS)**

- a) Critically discuss the Functions of religion in human society. (15 Marks)
- b) comment on the impact of individualism on Religion. (5 Marks)