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## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024

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

### ECR 3151: SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

DATE: APRIL 2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

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#### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Critically define sociology of religion (5 Marks)
- b) Mention three main classical sociologist of religion (3 Marks)
- c) Why do sociologist study Religion (5 Marks)
- d) Mention and explain three areas sociologist use as tools of analysis in Religion (6 Marks)
- e) Comment on Karl Marx statement that “Religion is the opium of masses” (5 Marks)
- f) Mention six functions of Religion in contemporary world (6 Marks)

#### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Does religion ethics contribute to the rise of capitalism? Discuss with reference to max Weber’s writings (15 Marks)
- b) What does the concept of “work ethic” mean today (5 Marks)



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**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Durkheim saw Religion as a source of “social stability” Discuss (15 Marks)
- b) Why is study of religion important when studying sociology (5 Marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

Discuss how the sociologist study of religion can lead to increase of religious movement (20 Marks)

