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

ECR 3200: PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

DATE: JANUARY 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

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

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Elucidate four definitions of philosophy by scholars (4 Marks)
- b) Analyze various functions of religion (4 Marks)
- c) Evaluate four similarities between scientific theories and Biblical accounts (4 Marks)
- d) Explain the common characteristics associated with the concept of God (5 Marks)
- e) Evaluate four types of atheism (5 Marks)
- f) Analyze the key points of departure between religion and science (4 Marks)
- g) Explain four Christian explanations of existence of evil in the world (4 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Trace the etymology of the word religion (4 Marks)
- b) Discuss four theories of religion (16 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) The conception of God in religion varies significantly across different traditions and cultures, reflecting diverse beliefs, practices, and understandings of the divine. Based on this, discuss some key perspectives on how God is conceived in various religious contexts (10 Marks)
- b) Describe five approaches to theodicy (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Evaluating the problems within the philosophy of religion involves addressing several key issues and challenges that have historically shaped the field. Discuss this highlighting various problems (12 Marks)
- b) Elucidate the goals of philosophy of religion (8 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Theories explaining the origin of the world encompass a wide range of perspectives from scientific, philosophical, and religious viewpoints. Justify this truth (20 Marks)