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## University Examinations 2024/2025

### FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

#### ECR 3400: RELIGION AND POLITICS IN AFRICA

DATE: JANUARY 2025

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) Discuss three factors that promote peaceful coexistence between different religious groups in African societies (3 Marks)
- b) Explain three most prominent contemporary issues in theocratic states (3 Marks)
- c) Discuss the major challenges faced by African nations in the post-independence era (4 Marks)
- d) Examine three forms of relationship between the states and religion (3 Marks)
- e) Describe four characteristics of dynastic systems of governance (4 Marks)
- f) Explain the relevance of single party system to the contemporary Africa (4 Marks)
- g) Elucidate the different types of political liberations that have emerged in Africa (3 Marks)
- h) Identify and analyze the key challenges faced by African governments in implementing human rights (3 Marks)
- i) Examine the primary causes of conflict between emerging religious sects or cults and political governments in Africa (3 Marks)

## **QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) Analyze the key aspects of religious diversity in Africa (10 Marks)
- b) Examine the core principles of human rights and their application in African countries (10 Marks)

## **QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss five characteristics of theocratic states (10 Marks)
- b) Discuss the advantages of theocratic states in terms of governance, social cohesion, and moral authority (10 Marks)

## **QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) The legacy and impact of independence movements in Africa are profound, shaping the political, social, and economic landscapes of the continent. Discuss (10 Marks)
- b) Explain the different types of religious movements that have emerged in Africa (10 Marks)

## **QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Religious institutions interact with states in numerous ways, reflecting a wide array of roles and relationships. Explain (10 Marks)
- b) Examine the relevance of dynastic systems of governance in the contemporary Africa (10 Marks)