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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024

SECOND YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS (HIST/CRE), (KISW/CRE), AND (CRE/P. E)

ECR 3250: INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN RELIGION AND CULTURE

DATE: APRIL 2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Elucidate four reasons for difficulties encountered in defining African religion and culture (4 Marks)
- b) Explain the concept of God in the African religion (3 Marks)
- c) Analyze the importance of five rites of passage in African traditional society (5 Marks)
- d) Discuss four roles of healers in African traditional culture and religion (4 Marks)
- e) Africans have a way of dealing with evil in the society. Substantiate these by explaining various forms of punishment in the Africans society (5 Marks)
- f) Explain five factors that have led to Social Change in African communities (5 Marks)
- g) Give an analysis of the obstacles facing the study of African traditional religion (4 Marks)



QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Religion cannot be defined in a singular form. Validate this statement using five perspectives (10 Marks)
- b) Explain the various types of religious beliefs (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) African religion and culture play a significant role in shaping the society. Based on this saying, analyze the functions of religion to the society (10 Marks)
- b) Africans believe in a force above human understanding that is often experienced when one comes into contact with the sacred. Validate this statement (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Enumerate the five elements of religion in the light of the African culture (10 Marks)
- b) Discuss ways in which the Africans venerated the ancestors (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the sources from which data for the study of African traditional religion can be found (10 Marks)
- b) Explain various types of worship as a form of African religious practice (10 Marks)

