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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

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

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)



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