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## University Examinations 2022/2023

### SECOND YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

#### ECR 3250: INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN RELIGION AND CULTURE

DATE: AUGUST 2023

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) Explain the four types of religious beliefs (4 marks)
- b) What are the dwelling places of spirits? (5 marks)
- c) Discuss five factors that are hindering the study of African Traditional Religion (5 marks)
- d) Analyse various places of worship in African Traditional communities (3 marks)
- e) Discuss the three major elements of rites of passage in the African traditional communities (3 marks)
- f) Explain four importance of taboos in African traditional communities (4 marks)
- g) Explain four importance of Kinship Bonds in African traditional communities (4 marks)

#### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the meaning of religion from the various perspectives (10 marks)
- b) Explain five ways in which African Communicated with Spirits (5 marks)

- c) Elucidate five requirements for those who qualify to become Ancestors (5 marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Explain the significance of rituals associated with death in African Traditional communities (8 marks)
- b) Evaluate four occasions when Africans worship (4 marks)
- c) Explain eight categories of sacrifices in African Religion (8 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss the role of various categories of African specialists (10 marks)
- b) Elucidate ways in which Africans venerated spirits and ancestors (10 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Describe the hierarchy of spiritual beings (10 marks)
- b) Explain the role of Spirits and Divinities in African Communities (7 marks)
- c) Elucidate the functions of various members of an African traditional family (3 marks)