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**KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**SECOND YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)**  
**KRE 2202 COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RELIGION**

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024  
Time: 11.30am-1.30pm

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss the functions of religion. (7 marks)
- b) Explain how Greek religion and philosophy influenced Christianity. (5 marks)
- c) Describe the growth and development of religion in view of the following:
  - i) Egypt and Mesopotamia. (3 marks)
  - ii) Palestine and India. (3 marks)
  - iii) China and Japan. (3 marks)
- d) Examine the similarities between Manichaeism and Christianity. (6 marks)
- e) Why is it difficult to quantify adherents of Shinto? (3 marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) "Mithraism profoundly influenced Christianity to a greater extent" Discuss. (7 marks)
- b) Describe Hellenization in the spread of Greek culture. (5 marks)
- c) "Zoroastrianism has corresponding ideas with Judaism, Christianity and Islam". Explain (8 marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) What is the significance of the Indus Valley in the development of Hinduism? (3 marks)
- b) Identify and explain **FOUR** categories of Vedas in Hinduism. (8 marks).
- c) Analyse the concept of salvation in Hindu religion in view of the following: -
  - i) Jinana – knowledge. (3 marks)
  - ii) Bhakti- devotional. (3 marks)
  - iii) Karma- ritual works. (3 marks)

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

- a) Identify **four** noble truths in Buddhism. (4 marks)
- b) “Jainism is the offspring of Hinduism”. Discuss. (8 marks)
- c) Compare and contrast the main teachings of Taoism and Confucianism. (8 marks)

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

- a) Describe the **four** basic affirmations which are inherent in Shintoism. (4 marks)
- b) Highlight the similarities between Ahura Mazda of Zoroastrianism and Yahweh of Christianity. (10 marks)
- c) Examine **three** ways of accessing God in Judaism. (6 marks)