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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR
THIRD YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)
KRE 2301 RELIGION AND POLITICS IN AFRICA

Date: 14th August 2024
Time: 11.30am-1.30pm

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Examine the following statements in the study of Religion and Politics in Africa:
- i) In Islamic religion, there is a direct relationship between religion and politics (4 marks)
 - ii) The Bible is not against the involvement of Christians into politics. (5 marks)
- b) "The "sacred-secular divide" is a big stumbling block to Christian's participation in the political process of their countries". In view of this statement answer the following questions:
- i) What does sacred-secular divide entail? (4 marks)
 - ii) Explain how the sacred-secular divide affect Christian's participation in the political process in Africa (5 marks)
- c) From 2005 onwards, the Church in Kenya became partisan and lost her prophetic voice. Evaluate the validity of this statement (6 marks)
- d) Comment on the contribution of Beatrice Kimpa Vita of Congo in Black consciousness in Africa (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Using the ideas of Father Agostoni (2005) and Henry (1979) dispute the notion that politics is a dirty game (10 marks)
- b) During the search for multi-party democracy, the Church in Kenya was labelled, the bulwark against authoritarianism. Illustrate this statement. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) "If religious leaders do not actively participate the socio-political dimensions of their societies, religious institutions will risk being irrelevant". Evaluate this statement (10 marks)
- b) Differentiate between the orthodoxy of faith and orthopraxis of faith as used in the study of religion and politics. (4 marks)
- c) Illustrate ways in which the Church in Africa can improve her socio-political engagement. (6 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain what comprises the following:
 - i) Church prophetic Mandate. (3 marks)
 - ii) Messianic anticipation motif. (3 marks)
- b) Emmanuel Katongole (2011) ironically argues that, “African continent is a continent of churches and coffins”. Evaluate this statement in light of religion and politics in Africa (10 marks)
- c) Politics and political practice cannot only be left to politicians. Comment (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

With relevant examples, bring out the contribution of the following in politics and governance in Africa:

- a) Kenyan clergy from mainstream churches during the Moi era (10 Marks)
- b) South African clergy during the Apartheid period (10 Marks)