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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS
FOR THE DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)
KRE 2300-SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

Date: 13th April 2023
Time: 11.30am-1.30pm

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

QUESTIONS ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain how the following elements contributed to the emergence of religion:
 - i. Animism (5 marks)
 - ii. The practice of Magic (5 marks)
- b) "Religion is no longer the shaper of individual's and communal morality in the contemporary society". Respond to this statement in light of religion and secularism. (6 marks)
- c) Explain what entails the following religious organizations in the society:
 - i. Churches (2 marks)
 - ii. Denominations (2 marks)
 - iii. Sects (2 marks)
 - iv. Cults (2 marks)
- d) Evaluate the functional role of religion in society (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Using the ideas of Karl Marx, evaluate the negative effects of religion in society (10 marks)
- b) Analyze the role of religion in the political process of a country (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) "Historically religion has been used as a tool to undermine women". Comment (10 marks)
- b) Using the ideas of Emile Durkheim explain how the following elements maintain the society at a state of equilibrium.
 - i. Common beliefs (5 marks)
 - ii. Rituals (5 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) With examples and in view of Karl Marx's ideas on religion, illustrate how the contemporary Pentecostal preachers use religion to their advantage (10 marks)
- b) Explain the relationship between the following:
 - i. Religion and rationality (5 marks)
 - ii. Religion and magic (5 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Critique the ideas of Sigmund Freud on religion, expressing that religion is not a fulfillment of infantile wishes (10 marks)
- b) Analyze how religion is becoming a critical responding to LGBTQ debates in Africa (10 marks)