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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR
SECOND YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)
KRE 2201 PHENOMENOLOGY OF RELIGION

Date: 15th August 2024
Time: 11.30am-1.30pm

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the specific focus of Phenomenology of Religion. (4 Marks)
- b) "Phenomenology of religion did not originate from religious circles but philosophical circles". Comment (3 Marks)
- c) Analyze the contribution of the following scholars during the Phenomenological movement of the 18th century:
 - i) Johann Heinrich Lambert. (4 marks)
 - ii) George W. F. Hegel. (4 marks)
 - iii) Edmund Husserl. (5 marks)
- d) Religion can be studied from a methodological approach. Identify **four** methods and how they influence the study of religion (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Justify the importance of the following aspects of Phenomenology of Religion:
 - i) Bracketing. (6 marks)
 - ii) Interpolation. (6 marks)
- b) Examine the major weaknesses of Phenomenological method in the study of religion (8 marks).

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the contribution of the following scholars in the study of phenomenology of religion

- a) Pierre Daniel Chantapie La Saussaye. (5 marks)
- b) Willian Brede Kristensen. (5 marks)
- c) Gerardus Van Der Leeuw. (5 marks)
- d) Rudoff Otto. (5 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Examine the following statements in the study of phenomenology of religion:

- a) Phenomenology of religion is very important in understanding religious experiences. (10 marks)
- b) Life experiences should be recognized as means through which reality can be explored. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Religion plays a critical functional role in human society. Discuss. (5 marks)
- b) Examine the value of the following in the study of phenomenology of religion:
 - i) Antireductionism. (5 marks)
 - ii) Intentionality. (5 marks)
 - iii) Eidetic vision. (5 marks)