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(DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM AND TEACHING)

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2013

TITLE OF PAPER

CURRICULUM STUDIES IN RELIGIOUS

EDUCATION

COURSE CODE

EDC 275/575

STUDENTS

B.ED II/PGCE

TIME

THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The paper is divided into Three sections:

i) Section A. (Short answer questions)

ii) Section B (Application)

iii) Section C. (General Essays)

2. Answer All questions in Section A and B (compulsory question). Answer TWO question in

section C

3. All questions carry equal marks

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SECTION A. COMPULSORY QUESTIONS QUESTION 1

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION IN THE QUESTION PAPER. Each question is worth five (5) marks.

- 1.1) Identify and explain any two definitions of religion.
- 1.2) Rationalise why Religious Education should be included in the school curriculum in Swaziland.
- 1.3) Explain the rationale for the inclusion of Curriculum Studies in Religious Education course in the training of Religious Education Teachers at the University of Swaziland.
- 1.4) Describe the concept of Religious Education as an educational entity.
- 1.5) Establish the relationship between Religion and Religious Education.

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SECTION B. APPLICATION AND GENERAL QUESTIONS

Choose and answer any THREE questions from this section

QUESTION 2

Describe in details the main components of a scheme of work and their importance.

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QUESTION 3

Choose a topic from any section of the Form 1 JC Syllabus and scheme for a month.

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QUESTION 4

Discuss the Phenomenology Approach to teaching Religious Education and explain its:

- i) Qualities (15)
- ii) Strengths and limitations (10)

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QUESTION 5

- i) Conceptualise a teaching method. (5)
- ii) Discuss the principles of effective use of a teaching method in the teaching of Religious Education. (20)

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 END OF	EXAMINATION	

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FORMS 1-3

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SYLLABUS

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SYLLABUS LAYOUT

STRAND	OBJECTIVES	TEACHING TECHNIQUES
FORM 1		1304414030
Introduction to Religion	 Discuss the importance of studying Religious Education. 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Identify the different religions found in Swaziland. 	Pair work
	 Locate on the world map where each of the religion studied originates. 	Pair work
	 Use the words: theist, atheist, agnostics, polytheist, monotheist correctly. 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Explain myths, and legends about the origin of the universe as portrayed by the 4 religious traditions 	Research / discussion
Characteristics of Religions	 Identify the major characteristics of religion. 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Discuss the major characteristics of religions (beliefs, teaching, practices, ethical codes, worship and myths). 	Discussion
	Define the characteristics of religion (Supreme Being, places and forms of worship, festivals, fasts, myths, special days, pilgrimage, sacred writings, rites of passage, religious personages and ethical codes.	Exposition / Discussion
Origins of the three world religions.		
Christianity	Discuss Christian beliefs about: God-Father Son and the Holy Spirit; God as love, shown through life death and resurrection of Jesus; sin and salvation	Discussion
	 Identify the major figure: Jesus of Nazareth 	Discussion

Islam	Discuss the main beliefs it Islam: the Unity of God (Tawhid): God as creator, sovereignty of God; the beautiful names of God; Allah's compassion; the d Judgement; life after deaf angels	lay of
·	 Identify the major figure: Prophet Muhammad. 	Discussion
Judaism	 Identify the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob 	Discussion
	 Discuss the significance of patriarchs. 	of the Discussion
TOPIC 1 Places and forms of worship		
Christianity	Identify the places of wor church, cathedral, chapel, meeting house; font, bapt sanctuary, screen iconost altar, communion table, p lectern, cross, crucifix, ic lights and candles	istery, asis, ulpit,
	 Distinguish between the pand private forms of word forms of prayer e.g. intercession, thanks giving Holy Communion (Lord' Supper, Eucharist, Mass) 	ship: ng; s
	 Discuss religious leaders worship and their function bishop, priest, minister, leader and local preacher 	ns: ay
	Identify and discuss the u liturgical objects, art mus Stations of the Cross, syn actions, kiss of peace.	sic, -
Places & forms of worship	•	
Judaism	 Identify places of worship Synagogue; ark (aron hakodesh), bimah (reading Ner Tamid (eternal light) tablets of the law. 	desk);
	 Identify the different syn 	abols Exposition / Discussion

	of worship: seven-branched menorah; Magen. David (star or shield of David) the home as a place of worship and the main focus of the festivals, ritual objects e.g. mezuzah Discuss the importance of Public and private worship: Sabbath and daily services, minyan (number required for public worship) readings from the Torah and Prophets, Amidah (standing prayer); Shema.	Exposition / Discussion
	 Discuss the importance of: Rabbi (teacher) cantor, ritual dress, tallit (prayer shawl), tefillin, kippah / yarmulka (skull cap) 	Exposition/Discussion
Places and Forms of Worship Islam	 Discuss the importance of the places and forms of worship: Synagogue, ark, birnah, Ner tablets of the law Tamid 	Guided discovery
	 Locate the major areas where the Islamic Faith is dominant. 	Guided discovery
	 Trace the growing Islam 	Discussion
	 Identify areas in Swaziland where the Moslems are found 	Exposition and discussion
	 Give the names Allah 	Exposition and discussion
	 Discuss the attributes of Allah 	Exposition and discussion
	 Discuss the calling of the major figure: Prophet Muhammad 	Exposition and discussion
	 Identify the places and forms of worship: Mosque (masjid); minaret, dome mihrab (niche), quiblah (direction), minbar (steps of sermon); Qur'an stand; art, architecture and calligraphy; 	Exposition and discussion
	 Describe public and private worship: salah (pl.salat) (prescribed prayer), rakah (unity of salah), the sequence of positions 	Discussion
	 Explain the significance of Imam (leader of worship) Muezzin (caller) 	Exposition and discussion

	 Discuss the Adhan (call to prayer) Iqamah (call to worship) wudu (ritual ablution) 	Discussion
	 Discuss the Five Pillars of Islam: (reed prayer, poor dues, Fasting, Pilgrimage) 	Discussion
	Five Pillars	
	1. Declaration of faith (Shahadah)	
	2. Compulsory prayers (salah)	
	3. Welfare dues (zakah)	
	4. Pilgrimage (Hajj)	
	5. Fasting (sawn)	
TOPIC 2		
FESTIVALS, FASTS AND SPECIAL DAYS		
Christianity	Identify the festivals and special days: Christmas, Epiphany (including Holy Week), Easter, Pentecost, Sunday, Patronal Festivals, Saints' days	Exposition and discussion
	 Identify the time of each festival. 	Discussion
	 Give the duration of each festival 	Discussion
·	 Discuss the significance of each festival. 	Discussion
	 Discuss the significance of fasting 	Discussion
FESTIVALS, FASTS AND SPECIAL DAYS		·
Judaism	 Identify the festivals in Judaism 	Exposition and discussion
	 Identify the times of each festival 	Discussion
	 Give the duration of each festival 	Discussion
	 Discuss the theme of each festival 	Discussion
	 Discuss the Religious Feasts: making offering to priest, 	Discussion

	finding your neighbour's property	
	 Discuss the Ten Commandments and their two keys laws: 	Exposition / Discussion
	(i) Honour thy father and thy mother.	
	(ii) Thou shall not covet thy neighbours' wife or goods	
	 Discuss special days: Sabbath: Friday evening meal, kiddush and ha-motzi synagogue services havdalah 	Exposition / Discussion
	Pilgrim festivals: Pesach (Passover), Shavuot (Pentecost), Sukkot (Tabernacles)	•
	 High Holy Days: Rosh Hashanah (New Year) Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) Minor festivals, Chanukah, Purim 	Exposition / Discussion
	Modern Festivals	
	 Discuss modern festivals: Tu Bi'shvat (New Year for trees), Yom Hashanah (Holocaust Day) 	Exposition / Discussion
FESTIVALS FASTS AND SPECIAL DAYS	 Compare the Jewish Calendar with the convectional calendar 	Discussion
Islam		
	 Identify the festivals fasts and special days: 	Exposition / Discussion
	✓ Ramadan, Id al-Fitr (the end of Ramadan), Id al- Adha (feast of sacrifice), the Birthday of	·
	Muhammad (Mawlid wl-Nabi), Night of Power (Lailat ul- Qadr) Jummah (Friday midday prayers)	
	✓ Birthday of Muhammad (Mawlid ul-Nabi)	

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		✓ Nigh of Power (Lailat ul-Gadr).	
		✓ Jummah (Friday midday prayer).	·
TOPIC 3 PILGRAMAGE			
Christianity		Identify the pilgrimages undertaken by Christians: Bethlehem, Jerusalem, local places of pilgrimage	Exposition / Discussion
	•	Give examples of local places of Pilgrimage	Exposition
	•	Discuss the importance of each Pilgrimage	Guided Discovery
PILGRIMAGE			
Judaism		Identify the Pilgrimage in the Jewish Faith	Resource person/Guest speaker
	-	Discuss importance of each Pilgrimage: Jerusalem; Western (Wailing) Wall, Yad Vashern (Holocaust Memorial), Masada	Discussion
PILGRIMAGE			,
Islam	•	Identify the Pilgrimage undertaken in the Islamic Faith: Hajj: Makkah and Medina:	Discussion
	-	Discuss the importance of each pilgrimage	Discussion
FORM 2			
TOPIC 4			
SACRED WRITINGS AND OBJECTS			
Christianity	•	Identify the sacred writings and objects in Christianity.	Exposition and discussion
	•	Explain the role of the Bible in worship and as a guide for life.	Discussion
	•	Explain the basis of the authority of the Bible.	Exposition and discussion
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		Discuss the types of literature it contains	Discussion
		Give examples of sacred writings used in Christianity	Discussion
	=	Critically analyse the use of sacred literature in Christianity	Exposition and discussion
	i.	Give examples of sacred objects	Guided discovery
	=	Explain the use of sacred objects in Christianity	Exposition and discussion
		Explain the importance of sacred object in Christianity	Exposition and discussion
SACRED WRITINGS AND OBJECTS			
Judaism		Name the sacred writings, Bible: Torah, (Law), Nevi'im (Prophets) Ketuvim (Writings)	Exposition and discussion
	*	Discuss the role of the Bible in worship and as a guide for life	Discussion
	**	Explain the Mishnah (codification of the oral law,) and Talmud (commentary on the Mishnah)	Exposition and discussion
,	=	Identify the types of literature in the Bible Talmud	Exposition/discussion
SACRED WRITINGS AND OBJECTS			·
Islam		Discuss the origin of the Qur'an	Guided Discovery
	•	Explain the nature of the Qur'an literature	Discussion
	•	Give the essential doctrines of the Qur'an:	Discussion
·		 Belief in Allah Belief in the Holy Books Belief in Angels Belief in the Prophets Belief in Predestination Belief in the Day of Judgment 	
	T	Explain the use of the Qur'an in worship and as a guide for life	Exposition and discussion

	 Discuss the concept of revelation (wahy) 	Discussion
	 State the significance of hafiz (person who can recite the Qur'an by heart) 	Discussion
	Explain hafiz (person who can recite the Qur'an by heart)	Exposition and discussion
	Describe the Hadith (Life example of Muhammed)	Exposition and discussion
TOPIC 5		
THE RITES OF PASSAGE		
Christianity		,
•	List the rites of passage: infant baptism / dedication, believers) baptism, first communion, confirmation, marriage ceremonies, funeral (ceremonies)	Discussion
	 Analyse the importance of each one of the rites of passage in the life of the individuals. 	Discussion
RITES OF PASSAGE		
Judaism		
	 Identify the rites of passage 	Exposition and discussion
RITES OF PASSAGE	 Discuss the importance of the rites of passage with emphasis on birth ceremonies, circumcision, (Brit Milah), Bar / Bat Mitzvah, marriage ceremonies death and mourning rituals 	Discussion
Islam		
	Identify the rites of passage in the Islamic Faith.	Exposition / Discussion
	Birth ceremonies: adhan and iqamah (calls to faith); marriage ceremonies, funeral ceremonies.	Discussion
	 Analyse the importance of each rite of passage. 	Guided discovery
,	 Compare and contrast rites of passage in the 3 Religious traditions studies 	Discovery/Presentations

TOPIC 6		
MAJOR DIVISIONS OR SECTS		
Christianity	 Identify the major divisions or sects within the Christian faith Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Protestant (including Anglican and other Reformed Churches) 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Explain the evolution of each division. 	Discussion
	 Distinguish between each of the divisions. 	Discussion
MAJOR DIVISIONS OR SECTS		
Judaism	 Identify the major divisions in Judaism (Utra-orthodox, Orthodox, Progressive) 	Guided discovery
	 Explain the evolution of each division. 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Distinguish between each of the division: 	Discussion
MAJOR DIVISIONS OR SECTS		
Islam	 Identify the major sects found within the Islamic Faith (sunni,shia) 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Discuss the History behind the formation of each sect 	Discussion
	 Distinguish between each of the divisions 	Exposition and discussion
TOPIC 7		
RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN LOCAL COMMUNITY (DO NOT INCLUDE THE FUNCTIONS OF LEADERS WHICH IS COVERED IN STRAND		
1) Christianity	 Identify the major 3 Christian bodies found in Swaziland 	Guided discovery

	Explain the role played by the leaders: Bishops, Priests, Reverends, Ministers, Deacons and Pastors	Presentations
	Explain the role of the leaders in the welfare of members of the community, e.g. care of the sick, elderly, the HIV infected and affected, politically oppressed	Presentations
	Discuss the role played by religious leaders in nurturing the young in faith.	Presentations
	Investigate the pastoral duties of leaders in the welfare of all the members of the community. (poverty stricken, HIV / AIDS victims, sick and elderly.)	/presentations
Judaism	Explain the role of the leaders in the welfare of members of the community e.g. care of the sick, the elderly, HIV infected and affected, politically oppressed.	presentations
	Discuss the role played by religious leaders in nurturing the youth in faith Guided discovery.	presentations
	Investigate the pastoral duties of leaders in the welfare of all the members of the community, both clerical and lay e.g. Rabbi	presentations
Islam	Explain the role of the leaders in the welfare of members of the community in the Islamic faigh. e.g. care of the sick, the elderly, the HIV infected and affected, politically oppressed	presentation
	Discuss the role played by religious leaders in nurturing the young in faith	
	Investigate the pastoral duties of leaders in the welfare of all the members of the community, (poverty stricken, HIV / AIDS victims, sick and elderly.)	presentation

FORM 3		
TOPIC 8		
Religion - Social and Environmental Issues		
The importance of Life	Give the three forms of life	Discussion
	• Give the characteristics of the three forms of life	Discussion
	 Explain why human kind is considered as the most important of all creation 	Discussion
	 Identify things beyond human control 	Guided discovery/presentation
Animal Life	 Explain the value of animal life in the three religions 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Discuss different ways by which animal life can be protected in the Religions Studied. 	Discussion
	 Discuss ways in which human beings can use animal life in enhancing their religious beliefs 	Exposition / Discussion
Plant Life	 List some ways in which plant life can be protected 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Discuss the religious importance of plant life in the three religions 	Discussion
	 Describe ways by which plants can be used in the different religions studied 	Discussion
	 Discuss some taboos that can lead to the destruction of human plant and animal life 	Discussion
The family	Describe a family structure — e.g. nuclear, extended community, extended groups e.g. Kibbutzim, relationships and responsibilities within the family e.g. husband/wife, parents/children.	Discussion

	Discuss emotional and material Exposition/Discussion support offered by parents to their children.	
	 Discuss the rights and responsibilities of children. husband and wife. Exposition/discussion	•
	Analyse the value of a family to its members and the importance of living in a family according to different religion.	
	Describe the role of family members as viewed by different religions: Christianity, Islam, Swazi Traditional Religion and Judaism	·
	Assess the social economic religious and political reasons which have necessitated women to abandon their traditional roles	
	Examine complimentary roles between genders in the religions studied. Discussion	
Marriage and Divorce	Define: celibacy, chastity, adultery, fornication, polygamy, divorce, monogamy polyginy and polyandry. Exposition / Discussion	
	 Describe a religious wedding ceremony in Christianity, Islam and Judaism. Exposition/Discussion	
	Discuss how the religions studied view marriage and divorce.	
	Identify the different sex orientations (lesbianism, heterosexual, homosexuality and bestiality)	
	Discuss the different sex orientations. as viewed by the religions studied, (lesbianism, heterosexual, homosexuality and bestiality)	
	Discuss the view of the different religions about population control	
Suicide	Define suicide Guided discovery	
	Give reason for suicide Exposition/Discussion	

	•	Outline consequences of suicide in society	Exposition/Discussion
	•	Discuss the ethical teaching of the different religions on suicide	Exposition / Discussion
Abortion		Identify the different types of abortion	Exposition / Discussion
	•	Discuss the different types of abortion	Exposition / Discussion
	•	Discuss medical, social and legal reasons for abortion	Guided discovery
	•	Discuss physical, emotional, religious implications of committing abortion.	Guided discovery
	•	Discuss the different views expressed in religious traditions studied about abortion	Exposition / Discussion
	•	Distinguish between euthanasia, massacre and murdering.	Exposition / Discussion
	•	Discuss the teachings of the religious traditions studied on euthanasia, massacre and murder.	Exposition / Discussion
	■	State the ethical teaching of the different religions on murder.	Exposition/Discussion
	•	Outline the effects of murder in the society	Guest Speaker
	•	Discuss social and economic facts on euthanasia	Exposition / Discussion
Religions and Poverty and Wealth		Define: wealth, poverty	Discussion
	•	Identify local, regional, international organizations that assist the poor.	Exposition / Discussion
World Poverty / Wealth		Identify the religious organizations that help the poor	Exposition / Discussion
		Describe the work of religious	Guided discovery and presentation

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	organizations that help the poor e.g. Hope House	
	 Describe the Christian and Islamic views of poverty. 	Discussion
	 Discuss the teachings of the three religious studied about wealth. 	Discussion
	 Discuss the teaching and practice of religious traditions studied of the use of money. 	Exposition / Discussion
	Show how giving is viewed in the different religions.	Exposition / Discussion
Protection and	 Define prejudice discrimination, equality and justice. 	Exposition/Discussion
Prejudice and Discrimination	 Discuss the teaching of each religious tradition about prejudice, discrimination, justice and equality. 	Discussion
Peace and Conflict	Define peace, conflict / war, forgiveness, justice, pacifism explain just war and Holy war compare each one of them a war (s) today.	Discussion
·	Explain just war and holy war	Discussion
	Discuss the social, economic and political effects of war.	Exposition / Discussion
	Discuss causes of war	Exposition / Discussion
	Give examples of a religious conflict: e.g. Israel / Palestine	Exposition/Discussion
	Discuss the attitude of Christians, Muslims and Jews towards war.	Guided discovery
Crime and Punishment	 Define sin, crime, law, justice, deterrence, reform, judgement punishment and capital punishment. 	Exposition/Discussion
	Differentiate between the types of punishment	Discussion
	Compare and contrast the different views shared by the three religions studied about capital punishment	

TOPIC 9 SWAZI TRADITIONAL RELIGION	 Discuss the elements of the Swazi traditional Religion: Supreme Being, lesser being, myths, symbols, rituals, prayer, sacred persons, magic and taboo. 	Exposition/Discussion
The elements of the Swazi Traditional Religion	 Identify the elements of the lesser beings and ancestors. 	Discussion
	 Show relationships between community and the individual. 	Discussion
•	 Compare and contrast Swazi tradition as religion with Universal human rights. 	Discussion
	 Distinguish between the sacred and the secular. 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Explain ancestor veneration- cum-worship. 	Exposition/Discussion
	 Describe the nature of Swazi traditional Religion (cosmic unity, proselyte, no coded scriptures) 	Guided discovery Debate
	 Define intermediaries 	Exposition/discussion
Intermediaries	 List the characteristics of intermediaries Explain the roles and functions of intermediaries 	
	 Distinguish between human and spirit intermediaries – both good and bad. 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Investigate the influence of intermediaries in the lives of people, king, priests, medicine men, prophets and diviners 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Discuss the major religious leaders: king, priests, medicine men, prophets and diviners 	Exposition / Discussion
Religious Personage	 Examine their roles in the welfare of the members of the society: sick, elderly, poor, HIV/AIDS infected and affected 	Discussion

	 Identify the pilgrimage undertaken in the Swazi Traditional religion: butimba, lusekwane, reed dance. Discuss the importance of each 	Discussion Discussion
Source of Swazi Traditional Religion	pilgrimage Discuss the reed dance as fertility cult	Expositions / Discussion
	Discuss the significance of the feast of the First-Fruit (Incwala and Lusekwane)	Discussion
	 Analyse the significance of the attire: Inyoni, Sigeja Shield. 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Identify sacred places and songs. 	Investigate/Presentation
	 Analyse the sacred songs. 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Compare and contrast the cause of sickness and healing in Swazi Traditional Religion, Christianity and Islam. 	Resource Person/Presentation
	 Discuss myths and legends of Swazi Traditional Religion 	Exposition / Discussion
Function of Swazi Traditional Religion	 Discuss the role played by Swazi Traditional Religion in cultural unity and identity 	Exposition , Discussion and Presentation
	 Discuss the rites of passage in the Swazi Traditional Religion: birth, initiation, marriage and death 	Exposition/Discussion
	 Compare and contrast the rites of passage in Swazi Traditional religion, Christianity and Islam. 	Exposition/Discussion
	 Show relationship between the living – dead epic heroes (family and national ancestors) 	Resource Person/Presentation
	Define the term AIC	Exposition / Discussion Resource person Guest Speaker
RELIGIOUS GROUPS AICS'	 Identity the different types of AIC's 	Exposition/Discussion
	 Distinguish between the 	Exposition / Discussion

	different types of AICs.	
	 Compare and contrast the history behind the formation of the AIC's and the introduction of Islam and Christianity in Swaziland. 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Evaluate the impact of AIC's in Swazi religion. 	Exposition / Discussion
·	 Investigate interaction between the AIC's and the western culture 	Discussion
	 Present the hierarchal structure in the AIC's 	Discussion
	 Discuss the significance of the symbols in the ritual dresses of each AIC studied: cross, sickle, stars, new moon, and different colours. 	Exposition/Discussion
	 Identify the pilgrimage undertaken by each AIC . 	Exposition/Discussion
TOPIC 10 RELIGION AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY	 Describe the relationship between the three religions studied (Judaism, Christianity and Islam) within the Swazi community. 	Exposition / Discussion
•	 Discuss the positive and negative sides of the different missionary work/proselytizing used by the religions studied. 	Discussion
	 Discuss the relationship between the religions studied with: Swazi Traditional Religion 	Exposition/Discussion