

Course Code TRS101/ T1P2 (S) - 2010

University of Swaziland

Final Examination Paper 2010

Theology and Religious Studies

B.A./B.ED I/IDE

Title of Paper : Phenomenology of Religion

Course Number : T1P2

Time Allowed : Two (2) Hours

Instructions:

- 1. Answer Three (3) Questions, At Least One Question Must Be Attempted From Each Section**
- 2. All Questions Carry Equal Marks**

Total Marks : 60

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PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE
INVIGILATOR**

Section A

1. "Definitions of religion ... tend to reflect the academic approach of the scholar, rather than the content of religion" (Ndlovu, H. L). Discuss this claim citing at least two examples to illustrate your facts.
2. "Religion influences human action and conduct". Discuss this statement with reference to Max Weber's theory of religion.
3. Discuss the major features of the anthropological and psychological approaches to the study of religion.
4. Explain the role of epoche in the phenomenological approach to the study of religion.

Section B

5. With examples to illustrate your discussion, distinguish between the "Religions of the Book" and "Traditional Religions".
6. Discuss three main Hindu paths to salvation.
7. Who was the Buddha? Explain the Four Noble Truths.
8. Discuss the distinctive teachings of the Baha'i Faith. In what way, if any, do the teachings of the Baha'i Faith promote interfaith relations between and among followers of different religions of the world.