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TITLE OF PAPER : Introducing the Study of Religion
COURSE CODE : TRS 103
DURATION : 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Answer three (3) questions in all.**
2. **Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.**
3. **Each Question carries 20 marks.**

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Question 1

Give a reasoned explanation of why scholars find it difficult to define religion, using examples from different religions to highlight your points [20]

Question 2

Describe any four approaches to the study of religion, highlighting the uniqueness of methodologies used in each approach. [20]

Question 3

Give a brief description of four different names used by scholars to refer to the general scientific study of religion and explain why not all of them are suitable names for this discipline. [20]

Question 4

Discuss three main responses to religious diversity and indicate which one of the three responses you find more reasonable than others. [20]

Question 5

Which of the various theories of religion do you find most appealing? Explain your answer. [20]