



UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

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COURSE: Religion 3B

TIME: 2 hours

QUESTION PAPER:

MARKS: 100

**Religion and Science; Religion and
Environmental Justice (Eco-theology)**

SUBJECT CODE: REL 3B21

EXAMINERS:

1. Dr Shahid Mathee
2. Prof H Viviers
2. Prof LP Maré (NWU)

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1. In Section A you have a choice of questions. In Section B you have to answer all questions.
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Section A: Religion and Science (Dr Mathee)

There are four questions in this section. Question one is obligatory. Choose two from the remaining three questions.

Question 1: (obligatory)

Briefly discuss Karen Armstrong's social construction of gods (10)

Question 2:

According to Hennie Viviers, both science and theology are mediated (done) through cultural eyes. Elaborate (20)

Question 3:

Critically discuss the pre-modern Muslim scholar al-Ghazali's categorization of the sciences. Show how he differs from many modern Muslim scholars on science (20)

Question 4:

Juxtapose Aviezer and Schroeder's on Genesis' account of the beginning of the world. Show key differences between them. Mention Matt Plén's critique of both (20)

Section B: Religion and Environmental Justice (Prof Viviers)

Answer all questions.

Question 1:

Write a short essay on Habel's emphasis on Eaton and other ecofeminists "...standing with the oppressed Earth". Link this with the 3 steps of a green reading of texts to illustrate how this identifying with Earth is achieved. (15)

Question 2:

Highlight Olupona's views on ecological awareness in African Religion under the following headings:

- a) The relationship of ritual and nature in African Religion (6)
- b) The role that water plays in the language, myths, and rituals of African traditional religion (9)

Question 3:

Discuss the traditional belief systems and *chimurenga* motives in ecology as found in Zimbabwe (Daneel) (20)
