



## **UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY EXAM JUNE/JULY 2018**

**COURSE:** Religion 1A

**TIME:** 2 hours

**QUESTION PAPER:**

**MARKS:** 100

Introduction to Religion;

The historical development of Christianity and its impact on society

**SUBJECT CODE:** REL 1A11 and REL 1AA1

**EXAMINERS:**

1. Prof H Viviers

2. Dr E Hankela

**(THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF 4 PAGES)**

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1. You MUST answer BOTH SECTION A and SECTION B.
2. USE TWO SEPARATE ANSWER SCRIPTS: ONE FOR SECTION A, AND ONE FOR SECTION B

### **SECTION A: (Prof Viviers)**

NB: Note that you have a choice at questions 5 and 7.

#### **QUESTION 1:**

Write a paragraph on the early pre-history of the *San* on SA soil. (5)

#### **QUESTION 2:**

Write a short essay on the worldview of the Bushman as polymorphous and oscillating (focus especially on divine beings). (10)

**QUESTION 3:**

Discuss critically in a paragraph: “The anti-structural dimensions of Bushman thought is a sign of inferiority.” Briefly link your answer to the debate on colonialism/decolonialism.

(5)

**QUESTION 4:**

What according to Max Weber, is the main source of secularisation?

(5)

**QUESTION 5:**

Write a short essay in which you deliberate whether psychotherapy can replace religion (or not)

(10)

OR:

Write a short essay on atheism

(10)

**QUESTION 6:**

Define Dark Green Religion

(5)

**QUESTION 7:**

Discuss in an essay the four expressions of Dark Green Religion.

(10)

OR:

Write an essay in which you elaborate on the notions “belonging”, “interconnectedness” and “sacredness”

(10)

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**SECTION B: (Dr Hankela)**

Section B has three parts:

- In Part 1 you must answer all the three questions.
- In Part 2 you must choose and answer two questions (there are more options).
- In Part 3 you must choose and answer one question (there are more options).
- Make sure that your answers include enough relevant information and ideas that were discussed in class and in your readings!

**SECTION B: PART 1**

The questions in Part 1 are 5-point questions. Each answer should be about *one paragraph* long.

**Answer all the following questions (questions 1-3):**

1. Briefly explain the meaning of the following terms in the context of Christianity in Africa: 1) mainline churches 2) African initiated churches 3) Pentecostal Charismatic churches. (5 points)
2. Explain the meaning of the following terms: a) Black theology and b) The Kairos Document. (5 points)
3. Briefly describe the relationship between African culture and Christianity in African initiated churches. (5 points)

## **SECTION B: PART 2**

The questions in Part 2 are 10-point questions. The ideal length of an answer to a 10-point question is *between half a page and one page*.

**Choose and answer ONLY TWO of the following questions (questions 4-6):**

4. Describe how Christian missions influenced African societies during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century. (10 points)
5. Using Christian hip hop as an example explain how society and Christianity shape one another. Remember to also give examples. (10 points)
6. According to our reading, South African Christian hip hop is influenced by North American Evangelical hip hop. One could thus say that through hip hop North American Evangelical beliefs influence South African beliefs and life. In your opinion, is this situation similar to or different from the influence of European Christian missions on African life in the colonial period? Why? (10)

## **SECTION B: PART 3**

The question in Part 3 is a 15-point question. The ideal length of an answer to a 15-point question is about *one page*.

**Choose and answer ONLY ONE of the following questions (question 7 or 8):**

7. Explain the meaning and significance of the notions 'Jesus as an ancestor' and 'Jesus as a healer' in the context of Africa. Then discuss the relationship between culture and Christianity in the light of these two notions. (15 points)

8. In a short essay explain the role of Christianity in 1) justifying apartheid and 2) resisting apartheid in South Africa. (15 points)