UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

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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 3 PAGES)

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:

In a paragraph, describe Marx's view on the role of the state in using religion to oppress the workers. (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)

SECTION B: (Dr Hankela)

Section B has three parts:

- In Part 1 you must choose and answer three questions (there are more options).
- In Part 2 you must answer both of the two questions.
- 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!

Part 1

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

Please choose and answer only THREE of the following four questions:

1. Explain the meaning of the term Pentecostalism. (5 points)

2. Explain what African initiated churches are. (5 points)

3. Briefly discuss the relationship between colonialism and Christianity in Africa. (5 points)

4. Briefly evaluate the significance of the statement “Jesus is black” in the context of Christianity in apartheid South Africa. (5 points)

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.*

Please answer both questions:

5. Explain what prosperity theology is. (10 points)

6. Explain how Christian missions influenced African societies according to the course readings. (10 points)

Part 3: 15-point question

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 two questions:

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

8. In a short essay discuss the relationship between culture and Christianity. Support your thinking with examples that relate to African initiated churches. You can also additionally use relevant examples from other learning material (readings and lectures) for this course. (15 points)