



## **UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY EXAM JUNE/JULY 2019**

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

#### **QUESTION 2:**

Don't you think it is blasphemous to insult //Gauwa or tell bawdy jokes about /Kaggen?  
Explicate in a paragraph. (5)

**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 highlight Freud's ideas on the origin of religion (10)

OR:

Write a short essay on atheism (10)

**QUESTION 6:**

Explain in a paragraph what alternative spirituality comprises (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 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 what African initiated churches are. (5 points)
2. Briefly discuss the relationship between colonialism and Christianity in Africa. (5 points)
3. Give examples about Pentecostalism in Africa that show how society has influenced Christianity or how Christianity has influenced society. (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 how Christian missions influenced African societies according to the course readings. (10 points)
6. Describe the cultural, political and economic factors that contributed to the emergence of African initiated churches. (10 points)

### **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 two questions:**

7. In a short essay describe both common features and differences between different Pentecostal charismatic churches in Africa. (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)

