



UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAM JUNE/JULY 2019

COURSE: Religion 2A

TIME: 2 hours

QUESTION PAPER:
African Religion and Eastern Religions

MARKS: 100

SUBJECT CODE: REL 2A11 and REL 2AA1

EXAMINERS:
1. Prof H Viviers
2. Dr Brima van Niekerk

(THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF 2 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: (African Religion: Prof Viviers)

This section is out of 50 marks.

You have 1 hour to do this section.

Note that you have a choice at question 6 and question 7.

Question 1:

Write a short essay on the realm of spirits in African thought (10)

Question 2:

When individuals are always constrained by their larger community, will they ever achieve fulfilment/self-realization in their own right? Deliberate! (5)

Question 3:

Write a paragraph in which you discuss the spirit realm of the Shona (5)

Question 4:

Write a paragraph in which you deliberate on the possible eco-friendly meaning/impact of the *orisha*. (5)

Question 5:

What contribution can African Religion make to contemporary society? (5)

Question 6:

Write a short essay on Ikuenobe's views on African ontology, nature and the environment and its meaning for environmental ethics. (10)

OR:

Write a short essay on the conservation problems in Africa and the lingering "ghost" of the colonial legacy, according to Ikuenobe. (10)

Question 7:

Write a short essay on some diverse expressions/versions of Ubuntu. (10)

OR:

Write a short essay on some of the ways that African womanism endeavours to reform Ubuntu from within. (10)

SECTION B: (Eastern Religions: Dr Brima van Niekerk)

This section is out of 50 marks.
You have 1 hour to do this section.
Answer all questions.

Question 1

Write a short paragraph on the different forms of worship in Hinduism. (5)

Question 2

Write a short essay on Ram Mohan and the Brahmo Samaj. (10)

Question 3

Write a short essay on Swami Dayananda and the Arya Samaj. (10)

Question 4

Write a short essay on the main festivals and holy days celebrated by Hindus in South Africa. (10)

Question 5

What are the 16 stages in the Hindu life cycle? Discuss. (15)

