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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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**FIRST SEMESTER 2020/2021 EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
ARTS AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

ARE 200: COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS

SPECIAL/ SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

DATE:

TIME:

Instructions: Answer question ONE and any other two.

1. a) State the contribution of religion to the contemporary society. (10 marks)
 (b) Giving examples, show how ancient religions came to influence modern religions (10 marks)
 (c) Briefly explain the following with regard to sociology of religion:
 - a) Sacred and profane (5 marks)
 - b) Totemism (5 marks)
2. Present in detail the beliefs and practices of the following religions:
 - (a) Buddhism (10 marks)
 - (b) Judaism (10 marks)
3. (a) Describe the manifestations of African Religion in the contemporary African Society. (10 marks)
 b) Study of Comparative Religion facilitates better understanding and appreciation of other faiths and cultures. Discuss. (10 marks)
4. Classify the following religions according to the seven dimensions of religion.
 - (a) Christianity (10 marks)
 - (b) Islam (10 marks)
5. (a) Explain the role of religion as a contributing and impeding factor in social change. (10 marks)
 (b) Support the notion that industrialization and scientific knowledge would lead to secularization of religion. (10 marks)