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**KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)**  
**KRE 2102:AFRICAN RELIGIOUS HERITAGE**

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
Time: 8:30am-10.30am

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) Explain the following terms in African traditional religion and culture
- i. Myths (2 Marks)
  - ii. Rituals (2 Marks)
  - iii. Taboos (2 Marks)
  - iv. Symbols (2 Marks)
  - v. Proverbs (2 Marks)
- b) Discuss the reasons for studying African religion and cultural heritage (8 marks).
- c) Analyze the five fundamental elements of African religion and culture (5 marks)
- d) Explain the relevance of kinship bonds in African culture (7 Marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

Elaborate the significance of the following terms in African traditional worship

- i. Sacrifice (5 Marks)
- ii. Religious specialists (5 Marks)
- iii. Ancestors (5 Marks)
- iv. Libations (5 Marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) What is kinship in African traditional heritage? (8 Marks)
- b) Explain the importance of kinship in African society focusing on member's obligations to their kin groups (12 Marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss the role of spirits and divinities in African communities (6 Marks)
- b) Analyze the relevance of offerings and sacrifices in African traditional society (7 Marks)
- c) "African religion continues to form the primary spirituality for Africans despite the influence from Christianity and Islam". Discuss this statement focusing on the challenges facing African religion and its future (7 Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) "Africans are notoriously religious..." John Mbiti. Discuss (6 Marks)
- b) Discuss the importance of study of African traditional religion and culture in a university curriculum (7 Marks)
- c) State challenges African traditional beliefs and practices are facing in the contemporary society (7 Marks)