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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR
SECOND YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)
KRE 2202:COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RELIGION

Date: 18th April 2024
Time: 11:30am-1.30pm

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the following concepts in the function of religion.
- i. Regulation of human behaviour. **(6 Marks)**
 - ii. Sigh of the oppressed. **(4 Marks)**
 - iii. Cultural order and habit. **(5 Marks)**
- b) Describe the growth and development of religion in view of the following: -
- i. Egypt and Mesopotamia. **(6 Marks)**
 - ii. Palestine and India. **(5 Marks)**
 - iii. China and Japan. **(4 Marks)**

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain how Greek religion and philosophy influenced Christianity. **(6 Marks)**
- b) "Mithraism influenced Christianity to a greater extent" Discuss. **(6 Marks)**
- c) "Zoroastrianism has corresponding ideas with Judaism, Christianity and Islam" Explain. **(8 Marks)**

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Analyze the concept of salvation in Hindu religion in view of the following: -
- i. Jinana – knowledge. **(4 Marks)**
 - ii. Bhakti- devotional. **(4 Marks)**
 - iii. Karma- ritual works . **(4 Marks)**
- b) Analyse the concept of Nirvana in Buddhist teachings and practice. **(8 Marks)**

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) "Jainism is the offspring of Hinduism" Discuss. **(6 Marks)**
- b) Compare and contrast the main teachings of Taoism and Confucianism. **(8 Marks)**
- c) Discuss the significance of Sangha to the Buddhist. **(6 Marks)**

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Why is it difficult to quantify adherents of Shinto? **(4 Marks)**
- b) Discuss **three** important festivals in Jewish calendar. **(6 Marks)**
- c) Explain **five** pillars in Islam. **(5 Marks)**
- d) "Pesach is the most important festival in Judaism" Discuss. **(5 Marks)**