



World Religions in Africa (CMN 3523) Exam Sep-Semester 2017 Time: 3hrs

Instructions: This exam contains **TWO** sections. Answer **ALL** questions in Section one and any other **TWO** questions in Section two.

SECTION ONE: Answer ALL the questions (20 mks)

1. Give appropriate answers to the following questions. Each question is worth one mark. (10mks).
 - i.* The belief in Hinduism in the transmigration or the rebirth of the soul is called?
 - ii.* The law that one's thoughts, words, and deeds have an ethical consequence fixing one's lot in future existence is called?
 - iii.* What is the word when interpreted means "to join again," "to reconnect"?
 - iv.* The name given to an absolute reality and creative force, and is also believed to have made the universe is?
 - v.* A group of Jews who were wealthy and priestly family living in Jerusalem and were in charge of temple and its activities were?

- vi. The most important family festival in Judaism, sometimes referred to as the Feast of Freedom and commemorates the deliverance of the Jews from Egypt is?
 - vii. The word *shikh* when translated means?
 - viii. The word *Shinto* is derived from *Shen Tao*, meaning
 - ix. A religion whose founder tried to reform the traditional pantheistic religion into which he was born by promoting the supremacy of one god, Ahura Mazda is called?
 - x. Give the name of a religion whose one of the sacred texts is Chuang Tzu.
2. Identify the FIVE main social classes in Hindu religion. Why should we be opposed to caste system as Evangelical Christians? Explain your answer with some relevant scriptures (10mks)

SECTION TWO: Answer any TWO questions (40mks)

3. Siddhartha Buddha, the founder of Buddhism was a man who was seeking meaning in life.
- (i) What 'Four *sights*' became the turning point in his quest for meaning in life? (5mks)
 - (ii) In what FIVE ways do you see people searching for meaning in life today? (5mks)
 - (iii) By referring to the Four Noble Truths, discuss how Buddhism has come to the conclusion that "no one can escape suffering, but each person can decide how to respond to it." (5mks)
 - (iv) As a Christian, do you agree or disagree with their view of suffering as found in Buddhism? Explain. (5mks)
4. (i) Women throughout the world have continued to play critical role in the society. However, different religions have had different views on women. By

giving some specifics, explain with some FIVE specific examples how the view of women is different between Christianity and other non-Christian religions. (5mks).

(ii) In what FIVE ways could we say that our society have treated women in a manner that suggest that they have no equality with men? (5mks).

(iii) With some FIVE references of women in the Bible, give the support for the argument that women are important and play key role in our society. (5mks).

(iv) With some references from the Bible and from your own life and ministry experiences, describe FIVE ways in which the church and the society should treat or view women today. (5mks).

5. (i) Give a brief history of the birth and the growth of Confucius. What FIVE major qualities of leadership stand out for him as a great leader of his time? (5mks)

(ii) Confucius believed that social harmony is established when people play their social roles properly. Describe the FIVE great relationships that gave him this sense of social responsibility. (5mks)

(iv) Comment on Confucius argument that “those who govern should be chosen not on the basis of hereditary but on demonstrable characteristics of virtue and ability and second, the true end of government is the total welfare and happiness of the people.” (5mks)

(v) Do you agree or disagree with the above statement? Discuss citing some practical examples from your own ministry context. (5mks)