

PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

FINAL EXAMINATION-COURSE SYLLABUS: GES 3523 WORLD
RELIGIONS

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3 HOURS

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Answer question **ONE** which is compulsory and any **THREE** other questions of your choice. All questions are worth 25 Marks.
Total 100 Marks. Write all your answers in ESSAY form.

QUESTION ONE

a) One of the scholars has observed: “Currently the definition of religion has been abandoned”.... Present a coherent argument why this is so.

b) How can people now try to understand religion? (25 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

Professor John S. Mbiti has asserted that “Africans do not know how to live without religion” Discuss the transcendental and Cultural Functions of Religion (25 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

Religion can be easily distinguished from other systems of life. Discuss any 10 features of religion that make it different from non-religious systems? (25 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Fully explain the phenomenological study of religion. (25 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Define a quasi religion?
- b) Explain the following quasi religions:
 - 1). Humanism
 - 2). Pantheism
 - 3). Henotheism

(25 MARKS)

QUESTION SIX. Briefly explain the nature or characteristics of religion. (25 marks)

- 4. What is the importance of Christianity as a religion for Christians?
- 5. There are several approaches to the study of religion. Review fully the phenomenological study of religion.
- 7. There are six dimensions of religion. Briefly explain them in terms of Christianity.
- 8. Compare and contrast salvation in Christianity and in the African Religious Heritage.