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END OF TERM EXAMINATION

GES3523: WORLD RELIGIONS

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2011

1130HRS – 1430HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

- This Exam Script has **THREE (3)** Parts.
- Answer **ALL** questions **Parts A** and **C**.
- In Part **B**, answer any **TEN** questions of your choice.
- Write your **student number** on the Answer Booklet.
- Read all questions carefully before attempting.

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PART A(20pts.)

True or False. Mark end of sentence with a **T or F**.

1. Miguel de Unamuno was considered to be a compromising and uncontroversial person.
2. In the article, de Unamuno said, "People who are spiritually lazy lean towards dogmatism."
3. Mithra is a god who is worshipped in only one religion.
4. Judaism rests on the sanction of uncompromised and absolute monotheism.
5. Moses Maimonides developed the Six Principles of Faith in Judaism.
6. Before the 18th Century, there was basically only one kind of Judaism.
7. Pentecost is a Christian festival and not a Jewish festival.
8. Hasidic Judaism is the most liberal branch of the faith.
9. Islam started in the Arabic city of Jeddah in 500AD.
10. Muslims are strict monotheists who worship only one God.
11. According to the Koran, Jesus' birth took place at the trunk of a palm tree.
12. Shiites are the majority and Sunnis are the minority in Islam.
13. The majority of Muslims are Arabs.
14. Hinduism does not regard the Vedas as divinely inspired and authoritative.
15. The Brahman is the impersonal, world soul of Hinduism.
16. Hinduism teaches the law of Karma.
17. Buddhists emphasize the personal nature of God.
18. Buddhists view of a human being is radically different from Western concepts.
19. Sikhism arose out of an attempt to create harmony between Hindus and Muslims.
20. African people have had a belief in a Supreme Being as an integral part of their worldview.

PART B(60pts.)

Short Answer. Answer any 10 of the following questions.

1. Define the term "Pluralism" and describe how "Secularization" has contributed to it.
2. Define and describe the three biblical principles for a theology of interfaith interaction.
3. Name the three different branches of Judaism and give three characteristics of each.
4. Give a detailed explanation as to how someone experiences salvation in Judaism.
5. Give a detailed explanation as to how someone experiences salvation in Islam.
6. Define and describe the five pillars of Islam.
7. Provide a description of three theological points Muslims use to critique Christianity.
8. Tell the reasons why diversity is the key to understanding Hinduism.
9. Give a detailed description as to how someone experiences salvation in Hinduism.
10. Give a detailed description as to how someone experiences salvation in Buddhism.

11. Define and describe the Buddhist eight-fold path to enlightenment.
12. Describe the way traditional African belief views sin, salvation and the afterlife.

PART C.(20pts.)

Essay.

Drawing from the four points we discussed in class as well drawing from your conversation reports, write a believable story about a successful evangelistic dialogue between a Christian and a person of another religious tradition. Be sure to include at least three objections to the Christian faith and how you would respond to these objections.

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