



PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

END OF TERM EXAMINATION

GES3523: WORLD RELIGIONS

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1800HRS – 2100HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

- This Exam Script has **FIVE (5)** questions.
- Answer any **FOUR (4)** questions.
- Write your **student number** on the Answer Booklet.
- Read all questions carefully before attempting.

INSTRUCTIONS: Choose any 4 Questions

Question 1

Hinduism has influenced majority of the world religions in one way or another.

- a) Describe the Hindu Dharma as applied by religion and understood by humans (3 marks)
- b) Identify the features that make Shiva a preferred god among the other choices (7 marks)
- c) Discuss the characteristics that are behind the Diwali Festival (7 marks)
- d) Examine the rituals linked with the traditional Hindu wedding (3 marks)

Question 2

Buddha encouraged believers to shun evil and embrace goodness. Based on the statement:-

- a) Classify the roots of evil as discussed by Buddha (3 marks)
- b) Name 6 of the 12 stages in the circle of chain that is dependent on origination that one can arise to? (7 marks)
- c) Describe the 4 types of meditation that diversity prayers (10 marks)

Question 3

Zoroaster introduced scriptures as a means of facilitating the believer's foundation on truth.

- a) Highlight all the changes the holy scriptures went through and the contributions made (10 marks)
- b) Identify the value linked to the following:-
 - 1. Every day prayers (4 marks)
 - 2. Belief about God (3 marks)
 - 3. The Amesha Spentas (Holy Immortals) (3 marks)

Question 4

Jainism teaches the way of liberation, bliss living, harmlessness and renunciation. Discuss the principles behind Moksha (Liberation) (5 marks)

- a) Jain belief about the soul in its liberated state and non-liberated state (10 marks)
- b) The attributes of the Jain nature of the universe (5 marks)

Question 5

Based on the world religion and research paper you did present, express your opinion about that the following:

- a) Salvation
- b) View of time
- c) View of other religions
- d) Creation (5 marks each)