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# UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

## 2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER REGULAR EXAMINATION

### FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

**COURSE CODE:** REL 224

**COURSE TITLE:** WORLD RELIGIONS

**DATE:** 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2019

**TIME:** 9.00 AM – 12.00 PM

#### INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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**REL 224: WORLD RELIGIONS**

**STREAM: BED (Arts)**

**DURATION: 3 Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- i. *Answer Question ONE (COMPULSORY) and any other TWO questions*
- ii. *Do not write on the question paper*

**Question One**

- a) Explain **FIVE** criteria that have characterized religion all over the world. (5 Marks)
- b) Based on the Abrahamic religions, discuss **FIVE** characteristics of a deity. (5 Marks)
- c) Discuss **FIVE** distinctions according to Sir Edward B. Taylor that initially classified animism as a religion. (15 Marks)
- d) State **FIVE** strengths of animism that Christians may use as tools for evangelism (5 Marks)

**Question Two**

- a). Trace the origin and development of Hinduism in the Indus valley between BC 1200 to AD 1500 (10 Marks)
- b). Discuss the classical Hindu understanding of a Deity (10 Marks)

**Question Three**

- a). Explain the **FIVE** ideas that characterize a guru according to Sikh belief systems (10 Marks)
- b). Discuss **FIVE** strengths that a Christian evangelizer can use to convert Sikhs to Christianity

(10 Marks)

**Question Four**

a). Evaluate the FIVE core beliefs of Taoism as one of the major religions of the Far East

(10 Marks)

b). Explain FIVE weaknesses that Taoism has in relation to Christianity

(10 Marks)

**Question Five**

Discuss **FOUR** ways in which Universality of religious beliefs is an issue that is closely linked with that of core beliefs and has consequently been an important topic in comparative religion

(20 Marks)

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