

Uganda Martyrs University  
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**RELIGION AND DEVELOPMENT**  
Year Three 2015-2016

End of Semester Two Examination

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> /May/ 2016

9:30am-12:30pm

**Instructions**

- Attempt *three* questions in all.
- Answer question one (1) and any other two questions (choosing one from Section A and the other from Section B).

**Question 1** (Compulsory)

“Faith based groups firmly believe that economic development programs will not be sustainable unless they incorporate the spiritual, cultural, political, social and economic dimensions of life.”  
(Wendy Tyndate Religion & the MDG’s: Whose Agenda)

With elaborate examples evaluate how faith based groups lived up to the MDG’s without losing their values of faith or cultural identity. **40 Marks**

**SECTION A**

**Question 2**

Identify major contemporary issues that have tended to dismiss religion as being a partner in development. Show how a particular religious background known to you has responded to these issues. **30 Marks**

**Question 3**

Most developed nations are turning to be secular and growing to disregard religion and religious practices. They have further tended to dismiss religions in development ventures. Discuss this phenomenon using ideas from Karl Marx and Max Weber. **30 Marks**

**SECTION B**

**Question 4**

“It is difficult to regard religious institutions as central in the development of the modern society.” Evaluate the arguments with evidence for this view. **30 Marks**

**Question 5**

‘Religion is the universal tool for explaining things we do not understand.’

Explain this statement in relation to the way religions are involved in development. **30 Marks**