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Module 13: Religion and Development

Date: Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Time: 10:00am-1:00pm

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**Instructions**

- *Attempt Three (3) Questions in all*
  - *Answer question ONE (1) and any other TWO questions (Choosing one from Section A and the other from Section B).*
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**Question 1 (Compulsory)**

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. (40 Marks)

**SECTION A**

**Question 2**

Max Weber seems to suggest that in Western Europe, religion has been a herald of capitalism. Referring to the teaching of a religious tradition of your choice show whether its teaching on capitalism is one of approval or disapproval? (30 Marks)

**Question 3**

Discuss arguments and evidences that support functionalist views of the role and functions of religion in contemporary society. (30 Marks)

**SECTION B**

**Question 4**

Compare and contrast the position of religion in development as found in the writings of Emile Durkheim and theories of Karl Marx. (30 Marks)

**Question 5**

In the course of their historical development, religious traditions face a range of internal and external challenges. Using Emile Durkheim's theory show why contemporary social or moral challenges pose a problem for religious traditions? (30 Marks)