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BA DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES IV

RELIGION AND DEVELOPMENT

SEMESTER II EXAMINATIONS – 2022/2023

Date: Tuesday 17th /01/2023

Time: 9:00am-12:30pm

Instructions

- Attempt **Any Four** questions
 - The marks to be earned from each question are indicated
 - Start each question on a fresh page.
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1. Examine the following definitions of Religion.

- i. Religion is an invention or creation of the human mind for regulating all human activity and this creative activity is a human necessity that satisfies the spiritual desires and needs inherent in human nature (Nigosian).
- ii. "[Religion is] a system of symbols (creed, code, cultus) by means of which people (a community) orient themselves in the world with reference to both ordinary and extraordinary powers, meanings, and values." (Catherine L. Albanese, *America: Religions and Religion*).
- iii. "[Religion is] the feelings, acts, and experiences of individual men in their solitude, so far as they apprehend themselves to stand in relation to whatever they may consider the divine." (William James, *The Varieties of Religious Experience*)
- iv. "[Religion is] 'the state of being grasped by an ultimate concern, a concern which qualifies all other concerns as preliminary, and a concern that in itself provides the answer to the question of the meaning of our existence.'" (Paul Tillich)

a) Form one very meaningful definition out of the four above without undue repetitions and without making it too long (10 marks)

b) With the use of concrete and meaningful examples from any religion(s) and from your society of origin, analyze your newly-formed definition and show how it is exercised in your religion in your society (15 marks)

2. "Religion is Human Transformation in Response to Perceived Ultimacy" – Andrew A. Young. With the use of examples, analyze this definition and show how it relates Religion to

Development. (25 marks)

3. With the use of relevant examples from any religion you are familiar with, analyze the seven (07) Dimensions of Religion according to Nigosian? (25 marks)
4. "In order to understand properly the debate concerning Religion and Development and sort out some of the accusations against Religion, we ought to be able to distinguish between 'Religion in itself' and 'Religion-as-practiced'". With the use of meaningful examples, elaborate the above assertion basing yourself on the Religion you know best. (25 marks)
5. With the use of relevant and concrete examples from your society, scrutinize the argument that Religion causes violence. (25 Marks).
- 6 a) "If it were not for Religion, society would still be less developed in all dimensions of human life than it is." Basing in your country of origin, and with the use of relevant examples to support your arguments, discuss the above assertion. (25 marks)