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B.ED. PROGRAMME

COURSE CODE: TEJS 337

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN TRADITIONAL RELIGION

Instruction: Answer all questions in Section A and any three questions in Section B.

Time: 2 hours

SECTION A

[25 Marks]

Answer all the questions in this section.

1. All the following terms were used to describe African Traditional Religion by the foreign researchers **Except**.....
 - A. Idolatry
 - B. Animism
 - C. Fetishism
 - D. Adultery

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2. The word 'Juju' is in origin
 - A. French
 - B. Latin
 - C. Greek
 - D. Hebrew
3. Why is African Religion termed as Traditional?
 - A. Because it is beautiful
 - B. Because it is complex
 - C. Because it has no founder
 - D. Because it was handed down from generation to generation
4. Why do we study African Traditional Religion in schools?
 - A. To gain spiritual powers
 - B. To consult the Ancestors and the gods for protection
 - C. To obtain favour from the gods
 - D. To nurture students to have deeper understanding of Africa traditional Religion
5. The following are the sources of African Traditional Religion **Except**.....
 - A. Myth
 - B. Folktales
 - C. Ablution
 - D. Songs
6. Among Africans, one of the following must apply to qualify a dead relative as an ancestor.
 - A. He must obtain a large size of farms
 - B. He must be married with many children
 - C. He must fulfill all cultural obligations in the community
 - D. He must be a spiritual leader
7. One of the key roles that ancestors play is that they.....
 - A. ensure smooth marriage among their kinsmen
 - B. provide spiritual protection for their surviving kinsmen
 - C. punish wrongdoers in the community
 - D. teach surviving kinsmen the way of their religion
8. Worship activities in indigenous African religion include libation, sacrifice, prayer, drumming, singing, incantation among others. This aims at encouraging
 - A. community gathering
 - B. fasting and prayer
 - C. midnight sacrifices
 - D. unity and togetherness of people

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9. The indigenous religious beliefs and practices of African peoples permeate their cultural norms. This is why it is argued that the religion is
- A. an embodiment of the African person
 - B. the controlling power of the African person
 - C. inseparable from the culture of the African person
 - D. conflicts with the thoughts of the African person
10. In African Traditional religion it is believed that death is not the end of man but also
- A. transition to the spiritual world
 - B. change of one's human status to spiritual being
 - C. a journey that is everlasting
 - D. opportunity to become an ancestor
11. In African societies....
- A. Religion is an integral part of the lives of the people.
 - B. Religion is not an integral part of the lives of the people.
 - C. Religion is not part of morality
 - D. Membership is by baptism
12. In ATR, one of these is **Not** a factor to consider when giving a name to a child
- A. Date of birth
 - B. Place of birth
 - C. Gender
 - D. Day of birth
13. All the following qualifies one to become an ancestor **Except**....
- A. Must have married many wives
 - B. Must have lived to old age
 - C. Must have had children while on earth
 - D. Must have died natural death
14. The Damba festival is celebrated by the.....
- A. Dagomba
 - B. Gonja
 - C. Waala
 - D. Mamprusi
15. The special times for certain kinds of worship in ATR is called.....
- A. Selected times
 - B. Specific times
 - C. Worship times
 - D. Sacred times

16. All the following are reasons why formal worship is done in certain times except.....
- A. There is a special manifestation of the spirits at these times.
 - B. It is also to remember a good or bad event which occurred in the history of the community.
 - C. It is the choice of a deity to be worshipped on a particular day.
 - D. It is the choice of the items to be used on a particular day for the worship.
17. The following are derogatory and pejorative terms used to describe African Traditional Religion, **EXCEPT**
- A. juju
 - B. naturism
 - C. syncretism
 - D. totemism
18. All the following are moral principles in African Traditional Religion. Which of them is ideal to be introduced to a child during naming ceremony?
- A. Hospitality
 - B. Kindness
 - C. Respect
 - D. Truthfulness
19. African religions have neither nor
- A. attribute, veneration
 - B. creator, god
 - C. founder, reformer
 - D. prayer, worship
20. The totemic animal for the oyoko clan is the hawk (Akroma). What is its symbolic meaning?
- A. Cleanliness
 - B. Eloquence
 - C. Patience
 - D. Wisdom
21. Which of the following is NOT a component of religious practice in Traditional African spirituality?
- A. Libation
 - B. Offering
 - C. Recitation
 - D. Sacrifice
22. A prayer whereby the supplicant invokes curses either on him/herself or on another person is termed as
- A. adoration
 - B. imprecatory
 - C. intercessory
 - D. petitionary

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23. A song sung to put a child to sleep is termed as
- A. Dirge
 - B. Gospel
 - C. Ballad
 - D. Lullaby
24. African Traditional believers believe in the Supreme being through
- A. Divinities
 - B. Mediums
 - C. Lesser gods
 - D. Deities
25. A form of human communication where knowledge, arts, ideas and cultural materials are received, preserved and transmitted orally is
- A. Oral literature
 - B. Proverbs
 - C. Oral tradition
 - D. Culture

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SECTION B

[75 Marks]

Answer any three questions in this section.

1. With **Five (5)** reasons, justify the relevance and inclusion of the study of African Traditional Religion in basic school RME curriculum. **[25 Marks]**
2. a. Identify **Five (5)** qualifications of an ancestor. **[5 Marks]**
b. Discuss **Five (5)** functions of ancestors in a named indigenous African society. **[20 Marks]**
3. a. Mention **Five (5)** beliefs in African Traditional Religion **[5 Marks]**
b. Discuss **Four** characteristics of African Traditional Religion. **[20 Marks]**
4. Discuss **Five (5)** significance of traditional festivals you have witnessed in your local community. **[25 Marks]**
5. Discuss **Five (5)** challenges confronting the study of African Traditional Religion **[25 Marks]**