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TITLE OF PAPER

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STUDENTS

MASTER OF EDUCATION

TIME

THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

: 1. There are a total of six (6) questions in this paper

2. Question 1 is a COMPULSORY question.

3. Answer Question 1 and any other three (3) questions

3. All questions carry equal marks

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QUESTION 1 (A Compulsory Question)

One of the aims of the secondary Religious Education syllabus is stated as "...learners should have acquired an understanding of contemporary social...issues in Swaziland...." (Source: Religious Education Junior Secondary Syllabus (2006:3). Ministry of Education: Government Press).

- a) What is the rationale for including such an aim in the Religious Education Syllabus? (5
- b) Use the above syllabus aim to develop a four-week-scheme of work (See attached syllabus extract) (20) [25]

QUESTION 2

- a. Differentiate between the "confessional approach" and the "non-confessional approach" to teaching Religious Education. (10)
- b. Drawing from your readings and observations illustrate the strengths and weaknesses of these two approaches to teaching Religious Education in Swaziland schools. (15)

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QUESTION 3

- a. Discuss the assessment objectives and assessment procedures of the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) Religious Education course. (15)
- b. With appropriate examples, critically evaluate the extent to which you think the new examination approach is likely to improve or worsen the teaching/learning of Religious Education in secondary/high schools in Swaziland. (10)

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QUESTION 4

'Utilisation of a variety of teaching resources is one of the hallmarks of effective instruction-an exacting one which is by no means always attained' (Unknown, 1999).

- a) Discuss the above statement using any five different types of resources that could be utilised by the Religious Education teacher in implementing a Religious Education lesson plan in the classroom. (15)
- b) Identify and explain the underlying principles that the teacher needs to observe in selecting these resources. (10)

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QUESTION 5

Mazibuko (1996) argues that although teaching methods are not usually prescribed in any legal sense, teachers may experience subtle pressures from other sources which lead them to teach in particular ways (Source: Mazibuko, E.Z (1996). The Mediation of Teaching through Central Curriculum Controls. Perth: Edith Cowen).

Discuss the sources of pressure teachers experience as they go about their teaching role in Swaziland and highlight how these sources of pressure impact on teaching, learning and student understanding of Religious Education in schools.

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QUESTION 6

- a) Discuss the functions of the following 'sources of help' for the Religious Education teacher within the structure of the Ministry of Education:
 - i). Teacher Education Component (Colleges, Uniswa Faculty of Education, Inspectorate)
 - ii). The National Curriculum Centre (Religious Education). (15)
- b) Evaluate the extent to which these 'sources of help' are functional in helping the Religious Education teacher in the schools in Swaziland. (10)

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JUNIOR CERTIFICATE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SYLLABUS

FORMS 1-3

2006

SYLLABUS LAYOUT

STRAND	OBJECTIVES	TEACHING TECHNIQUES
FORM 1		1202112020
Introduction to Religion	 Discuss the importance of studying Religious Education. 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Identify the different religions found in Swaziland. 	Pair work
	 Locate on the world map where each of the religion studied originates. 	Pair work
	 Use the words: theist, atheist, agnostics, polytheist, monotheist correctly. 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Explain myths, and legends about the origin of the universe as portrayed by the 4 religious traditions 	Research / discussion
Characteristics of Religions	Identify the major characteristics of religion.	Exposition / Discussion
	 Discuss the major characteristics of religions (beliefs, teaching, practices, ethical codes, worship and myths). 	Discussion
	Define the characteristics of religion (Supreme Being, places and forms of worship, festivals, fasts, myths, special days, pilgrimage, sacred writings, rites of passage, religious personages and ethical codes.	Exposition / Discussion
Origins of the three world eligions.		·
Christianity	 Discuss Christian beliefs about: God-Father Son and the Holy Spirit; God as love, shown through life death and resurrection of Jesus; sin and salvation 	Discussion
	 Identify the major figure: Jesus of Nazareth 	Discussion

Islam	Discuss the main beliefs Islam: the Unity of God (Tawhid): God as creator sovereignty of God; the beautiful names of God; Allah's compassion; the Judgement; life after dea angels	day of
	 Identify the major figure Prophet Muhammad. 	: Discussion
Judaism	 Identify the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jaco 	Discussion
	 Discuss the significance patriarchs. 	of the Discussion
TOPIC 1 Places and forms of worship		
Christianity	Identify the places of wo church, cathedral, chapel meeting house; font, bap sanctuary, screen iconos altar, communion table, j lectern, cross, crucifix, ic lights and candles	tistery, tasis, pulpit,
	 Distinguish between the and private forms of wor forms of prayer e.g. intercession, thanks giving Holy Communion (Lord Supper, Eucharist, Mass) 	ship: ng; 's
	 Discuss religious leaders worship and their function bishop, priest, minister, leader and local preaches 	ons:
	 Identify and discuss the liturgical objects, art mu Stations of the Cross, syr actions, kiss of peace. 	sic,
Places & forms of worship		
Judzism	 Identify places of worshi Synagogue; ark (aron hakodesh), bimah (reading Ner Tamid (eternal light) tablets of the law. 	desk);
	 Identify the different syn 	nbols Exposition / Discussion

	of worship: seven-branched menorah; Magen. David (star or shield of David) the home as a place of worship and the main focus of the festivals, ritual objects e.g. mezuzah Discuss the importance of	Exposition / Discussion
· (1) (2) (2) (3) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4	Public and private worship: Sabbath and daily services, minyan (number required for public worship) readings from the Torah and Prophets, Amidah (standing prayer);	
	Shema. Discuss the importance of: Rabbi (teacher) cantor, ritual dress, tallit (prayer shawl), tefillin, kippah / yarmulka (skull cap)	Exposition/Discussion
Piaces and Forms of Worship Islam	Discuss the importance of the places and forms of worship: Synagogue, ark, bimah, Ner tablets of the law Tamid	Guided discovery
	Locate the major areas where the Islamic Faith is dominant.	Guided discovery
	Trace the growing Islam	Discussion
	 Identify areas in Swaziland where the Moslems are found 	Exposition and discussion
	Give the names Allah	Exposition and discussion
	 Discuss the attributes of Allah 	Exposition and discussion
	 Discuss the calling of the major figure: Prophet Muhammad 	Exposition and discussion
	Identify the places and forms of worship: Mosque (masjid); minaret, dome mihrab (niche), quiblah (direction), minbar (steps of sermon); Qur'an stand; art, architecture and calligraphy;	Exposition and discussion
	 Describe public and private worship: salah (pl.salat) (prescribed prayer), rakah (unity of salah), the sequence of positions 	Discussion
	 Explain the significance of Imam (leader of worship) Muezzin (caller) 	Exposition and discussion

	 Discuss the Adhan (call to prayer) Iqamah (call to worship) wudu (ritual ablution) 	Discussion
	 Discuss the Five Pillars of Islam: (reed prayer, poor dues, Fasting, Pilgrimage) 	Discussion
	Five Pillars	·
2004 of 60 to 10 t	1. Declaration of faith (Shahadah)	
	2. Compulsory prayers (salah)	
	3. Welfare dues (zakah)	
	4. Pilgrimage (Hajj)	
	5. Fasting (sawn)	
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TOPIC 2		• •
FESTIVALS, FASTS AND SPECIAL DAYS		
Christianity	 Identify the festivals and special days: Christmas, Epiphany (including Holy Week), Easter, Pentecost, Sunday, Patronal Festivals, Saints' days 	Exposition and discussion
	Identify the time of each festival.	Discussion
	Give the duration of each festival	Discussion
	Discuss the significance of each festival.	Discussion
	Discuss the significance of fasting	Discussion
FESTIVALS, FASTS AND SPECIAL DAYS		
Judaism	Identify the festivals in Judaism	Exposition and discussion
	Identify the times of each festival	Discussion
	 Give the duration of each festival 	Discussion
	 Discuss the theme of each festival 	Discussion
	Discuss the Religious Feasts: making offering to priest,	Discussion

		finding your neighbour's property	
	-	Discuss the Ten Commandments and their two keys laws:	Exposition / Discussion
	(1)	Honour thy father and thy mother.	·
, 15	(ii)	Thou shall not covet thy neighbours' wife or goods	
		Discuss special days: Sabbath: Friday evening meal, kiddush and ha-motzi synagogue services havdalah	Exposition / Discussion
	Sh	grim festivals: Pesach (Passover), svuot (Pentecost), Sukkot bernacles)	
	•	High Holy Days: Rosh Hashanah (New Year) Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) Minor festivals, Chanukah, Purim	Exposition / Discussion
	Mo	dern Festivals	
	•	Discuss modern festivals: Tu Bi'shvat (New Year for trees), Yom Hashanah (Holocaust Day)	Exposition / Discussion
FESTIVALS FASTS	S AND	Compare the Jewish Calendar with the convectional calendar	Discussion
Islam			
		Identify the festivals fasts and special days:	Exposition / Discussion
		✓ Ramadan, Id al-Fitr (the end of Ramadan), Id al- Adha (feast of sacrifice), the Birthday of Muhammad (Mawlid wl-Nabi), Night of Power (Lailat ul- Qadr) Jummah (Friday midday prayers) ✓ Birthday of Muhammad (Mawlid ul-Nabi)	

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		✓ Nigh of Power (Lailat ul-Gadr).	
•		✓ Jummah (Friday midday prayer).	
TOPIC 3 PILGRAMAGE			
Christianity	•	Identify the pilgrimages undertaken by Christians: Bethlehem, Jerusalem, local places of pilgrimage	Exposition / Discussion
		Give examples of local places of Pilgrimage	Exposition
	•	Discuss the importance of each Pilgrimage	Guided Discovery
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PILGRIMAGE			
Judzism	•	Identify the Pilgrimage in the Jewish Faith	Resource person/Guest speaker
		Discuss importance of each Pilgrimage: Jerusalem; Western (Wailing) Wall, Yad Vashern (Holocaust Memorial), Masada	Discussion
PILGRIMAGE			
Islam	•	Identify the Pilgrimage undertaken in the Islamic Faith: Hajj: Makkah and Medina:	Discussion
	•	Discuss the importance of each pilgrimage	Discussion
FORM 2			
TOPIC 4			
SACRED WRITINGS AND OBJECTS			
Christianity	•	Identify the sacred writings and objects in Christianity.	Exposition and discussion
	•	Explain the role of the Bible in worship and as a guide for life.	Discussion
	•	Explain the basis of the authority of the Bible.	Exposition and discussion

	 Discuss the types of literature it contains 	Discussion
	 Give examples of sacred writings used in Christianity 	Discussion
	 Critically analyse the use of sacred literature in Christianity 	Exposition and discussion
	 Give examples of sacred objects 	Guided discovery
	 Explain the use of sacred objects in Christianity 	Exposition and discussion
	 Explain the importance of sacred object in Christianity 	Exposition and discussion
SACRED WRITINGS AND OBJECTS	•	
Judaism	 Name the sacred writings, Bible: Torah, (Law), Nevi'im (Prophets) Ketuvim (Writings) 	Exposition and discussion
	 Discuss the role of the Bible in worship and as a guide for life 	Discussion
	 Explain the Mishnah (codification of the oral law,) and Talmud (commentary on the Mishnah) 	Exposition and discussion
	 Identify the types of literature in the Bible Talmud 	Exposition/discussion
SACRED WRITINGS AND OBJECTS		
Islam	 Discuss the origin of the Qur'an 	Guided Discovery
	Explain the nature of the Qur'an literature	Discussion
	 Give the essential doctrines of the Qur'an: 	Discussion
	 Belief in Allah Belief in the Holy Books Belief in Angels Belief in the Prophets Belief in Predestination Belief in the Day of Judgment 	
	 Explain the use of the Qur'an in worship and as a guide for life 	Exposition and discussion
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	 Discuss emotional and m support offered by parent their children. 	
	 Discuss the rights and responsibilities of childre husband and wife. 	Exposition/discussion
	Analyse the value of a fa to its members and the importance of living in a according to different rel	family
	Describe the role of fami members as viewed by different religions: Christ Islam, Swazi Traditional Religion and Judaism	ly , Presentations
	Assess the social econom religious and political res which have necessitated women to abandon their traditional roles	
	 Examine complimentary between genders in the religions studied. 	roles Discussion
Marriage and Divorce	 Define: celibacy, chastity adultery, fornication, polygamy, divorce, mono polyginy and polyandry. 	Discussion
	 Describe a religious weden ceremony in Christianity, and Judaism. 	
·	 Discuss how the religions studied view marriage an divorce. 	
	 Identify the different sex orientations (lesbianism, heterosexual, homosexual and bestiality) 	Presentations lity
	 Discuss the different sex orientations, as viewed by religions studied, (lesbian heterosexual, homosexual and bestiality) 	ism,
	 Discuss the view of the different religions about population control 	Discussion
Suicide	 Define suicide 	Guided discovery
	Give reason for suicide	Exposition/Discussion

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·	 Outline consequences of suicide in society 	Exposition/Discussion
	 Discuss the ethical teaching of the different religions on suicide 	Exposition / Discussion
Abortion	 Identify the different types of abortion 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Discuss the different types of abortion 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Discuss medical, social and legal reasons for abortion 	Guided discovery
	 Discuss physical, emotional, religious implications of committing abortion. 	Guided discovery
	 Discuss the different views expressed in religious traditions studied about abortion 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Distinguish between euthanasia, massacre and murdering. 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Discuss the teachings of the religious traditions studied on euthanasia, massacre and murder. 	Exposition / Discussion
	 State the ethical teaching of the different religions on murder. 	Exposition/Discussion
	 Outline the effects of murder in the society 	Guest Speaker
	 Discuss social and economic facts on euthanasia 	Exposition / Discussion
Religions and Poverty and Wealth	 Define: wealth, poverty 	Discussion
-	 Identify local, regional, international organizations that assist the poor. 	Exposition / Discussion
World Poverty / Wealth	 Identify the religious organizations that help the poor 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Describe the work of religious 	Guided discovery and presentation

	organizations that help the poor e.g. Hope House	
	 Describe the Christian and Islamic views of poverty. 	Discussion
	 Discuss the teachings of the three religious studied about wealth. 	Discussion
	Discuss the teaching and practice of religious traditions studied of the use of money.	Exposition / Discussion
	 Show how giving is viewed in the different religions. 	Exposition / Discussion
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	 Define prejudice discrimination, equality and justice. 	Exposition/Discussion
Prejudice and		l
Discrimination	 Discuss the teaching of each religious tradition about prejudice, discrimination, justice and equality. 	Discussion
	 Define peace, conflict / war, forgiveness, justice, pacifism explain just war and Holy war 	Discussion
Peace and Conflict	compare each one of them a war (s) today.	
· · · · · ·	 Explain just war and holy war 	Discussion
	 Discuss the social, economic and political effects of war. 	Exposition / Discussion
	Discuss causes of war	Exposition / Discussion
	 Give examples of a religious conflict: e.g. Israel / Palestine 	Exposition/Discussion
	 Discuss the attitude of Christians, Muslims and Jews towards war. 	Guided discovery
Crime and Punishment	 Define sin, crime, law, justice, deterrence, reform, judgement punishment and capital punishment. 	Exposition/Discussion
	 Differentiate between the types of punishment 	Discussion
	 Compare and contrast the different views shared by the three religions studied about capital punishment 	
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TOPIC 9 SWAZI TRADITIONAL RELIGION	 Discuss the elements of the Swazi traditional Religion: Supreme Being, lesser being, myths, symbols, rituals, prayer, sacred persons, magic and taboo. 	Exposition/Discussion
The elements of the Swazi Traditional Religion	 Identify the elements of the lesser beings and ancestors. 	Discussion
	 Show relationships between community and the individual. 	Discussion
	 Compare and contrast Swazi tradition as religion with Universal human rights. 	Discussion
	 Distinguish between the sacred and the secular. 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Explain ancestor veneration- cum-worship. 	Exposition/Discussion
	 Describe the nature of Swazi traditional Religion (cosmic unity, proselyte, no coded scriptures) 	Guided discovery Debate
Intermediaries	 Define intermediaries List the characteristics of intermediaries Explain the roles and functions 	Exposition/discussion
	of intermediaries Distinguish between human and spirit intermediaries — both good and bad.	Exposition / Discussion
	 Investigate the influence of intermediaries in the lives of people, king, priests, medicine men, prophets and diviners 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Discuss the major religious leaders: king, priests, medicine men, prophets and diviners 	Exposition / Discussion
Religious Personage	 Examine their roles in the welfare of the members of the society; sick, elderly, poor, HIV/AIDS infected and affected 	Discussion

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	 Identify the pilgrimage undertaken in the Swazi Traditional religion: butimba, lusekwane, reed dance. Discuss the importance of each 	Discussion Discussion
	pilgrimage	
Source of Swazi	 Discuss the reed dance as fertility cult 	Expositions / Discussion
Traditional Religion	 Discuss the significance of the feast of the First-Fruit (Incwala and Lusekwane) 	Discussion
	 Analyse the significance of the attire: Inyoni, Sigeja Shield. 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Identify sacred places and songs. 	Investigate/Presentation
	 Analyse the sacred songs. 	Exposition / Discussion
	 Compare and contrast the cause of sickness and healing in Swazi Traditional Religion, Christianity and Islam. 	Resource Person/Presentation
	 Discuss myths and legends of Swazi Traditional Religion 	Exposition / Discussion
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Function of Swazi Traditional Religion	 Discuss the role played by Swazi Traditional Religion in cultural unity and identity 	Exposition, Discussion and Presentation
	 Discuss the rites of passage in the Swazi Traditional Religion: birth, initiation, marriage and death 	Exposition/Discussion
	 Compare and contrast the rites of passage in Swazi Traditional religion, Christianity and Islam. 	Exposition/Discussion
	 Show relationship between the living – dead epic heroes (family and national ancestors) 	Resource Person/Presentation
	 Define the term AIC 	Exposition / Discussion Resource person Guest Speaker
RELIGIOUS GROUPS AICS'	 Identity the different types of AIC's 	Exposition/Discussion
	Distinguish between the	Exposition / Discussion

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Compare and contrast the history behind the formation of the AIC's and the introduction of Islam and Christianity in Swaziland.	Exposition / Discussion
 Evaluate the impact of AIC's in Swazi religion. 	Exposition / Discussion
Investigate interaction between the AIC's and the western culture	Discussion
 Present the hierarchal structure in the AIC's 	Discussion
Discuss the significance of the symbols in the ritual dresses of each AIC studied: cross, sickle, stars, new moon, and different colours.	Exposition/Discussion
 Identify the pilgrimage undertaken by each AIC 	Exposition/Discussion
 Describe the relationship between the three religions studied (Judaism, Christianity and Islam) within the Swazi community. 	Exposition / Discussion
Discuss the positive and negative sides of the different missionary work/proselytizing used by the religions studied.	Discussion
 Discuss the relationship between the religions studied with: Swazi Traditional Religion 	Exposition/Discussion
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