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TITLE OF PAPER : Religion, Conflict and Peace
COURSE CODE : TRS 333
DURATION : 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Choose and answer three (3) questions in all.
2. Write in **clear, grammatically correct sentences**.
3. Each Question carries 20 marks.

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PERMISSION TO DO SO.

Question 1

Discuss any three types of conflicts you know and indicate, with reasons, which one of the three you think would be most difficult to handle. [20]

Marking Guide: Students' answers should reflect ability to assess the complexity of various types of conflicts.

Question 2

Discuss any three of the nine steps in the Staircase Model of Conflict Escalation and De-escalation and propose strategies you may adopt to resolve conflicts at each of these three steps. [20]

Marking Guide: Students are expected to show strategic thinking in the way conflicts should be handled.

Question 3

Discuss three general views of conflict and show, with reasons, which of them you find not reasonable or sensible for your country's context. [20]

Marking Guide: Students' answers should reflect their skill to distinguish between what can or cannot work in a given context concerning the way conflicts are to be understood and handled.

Question 4

Compare and contrast negotiation with mediation as some of the approaches used in conflict resolution [20]

Marking Guide: Students are expected to show ability to distinguish between different approaches in conflicts resolution.

Question 5

Narrate any one religion-motivated conflict currently taking place in the world and explain clearly why you consider it to be motivated by religion. [20]

Marking Guide: Students are expected to show an awareness of the role religion is playing in the world affairs today.