UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI FACULTY OF HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RESIT EXAMINATION, JULY 2019

TITLE OF PAPER: Introducing the Study of Religion

COURSE CODE : TRS 103 DURATION : 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Answer three (3) questions in all.

2. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.

3. Each Question carries 20 marks.

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Question 1

Explain the importance of Religion in human life with special reference to your own country [20]

Question 2

Explore similarities and differences between the philosophical and anthropological approaches to the study of religion [20]

Question 3

Explain why 'Science of Religion' sounds a better name as a generic name for scientific study of religion than the name, 'Comparative Religion' [20]

Question 4

Which one of the definitions of religion you have studied do you find more satisfying than others? Explain your answer [20]

Question 5

Explain why the Judeo-Christian tradition is likely to reject religious pluralism as a response to religious diversity [20]

Question 6

Which one, in your opinion, is a better response to religious diversity between religious exclusivism and inclusivism? Explain your answer [20]