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MAIN EXAMINATION

SEPTEMBER –DECEMBER 2021

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

REGULAR PROGRAMME

BRS 205: PHENOMENOLOGY OF RELIGION

Date: DECEMBER 2021

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any TWO Questions

Q1.

a) Define the following terms:

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| i) Religion | (2 Marks) |
| ii) Phenomenon | (2 Marks) |
| iii) Phenomenology | (2 Marks) |
| iv) Phenomenology of Religion | (4 Marks) |

b) Give a brief analysis of the *Mysterium Tremendum* as discussed in Rudolf Otto's *The Idea of the Holy* **(20 Marks)**

Q2.

a) Using Arnold van Gennep's *The Rites of Passage*, outline and explain the three phases in a rite of passage and relate them with the sacrificial ritual **(10 Marks)**

b) Discuss the distinctiveness of the phenomenological approach to the study of religion **(10 Marks).**

Q3.

In reference to Mircea Eliade's *The Sacred and the Profane*, briefly explain the following sub-themes:

- a) Sacred Space **(4 Marks)**
 - i) Cosmos and Chaos **(3 Marks)**
 - ii) *Axis Mundi* **(3 Marks)**
- b) Sacred Time **(4 Marks)**
 - i) *Illud Tempus* **(2 Marks)**
 - ii) Myth **(2 Marks)**
 - iii) Historical Time **(2 Marks)**

Q4. Outline and explain in details the First FOUR STEPS of Phenomenological Method in studying Religion as outlined by Gerardus Van der Leeuw **(20 Marks).**

Q5. Discuss the importance of Religious Rituals in the life of human persons **(20 Marks).**

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