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UNIT CODE: MBE 714: BELIEF SYSTEMS, RELIGION AND CULTURE

DATE: XX August, 2024

TIME: **Three Hours**

Start: 4:00 PM

Finish: 7:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This exam is marked out of 100 marks
2. This Examination comprises TWO Sections
Section A: Compulsory Question (25 marks)
Section B: Long Answer Questions (75 marks)

SECTION A: COMPULSORY (25 Marks)

Short Answer Questions

1. Explain the following terms (5 Marks)
 - i. Belief Systems
 - ii. Religion
 - iii. Culture
 - iv. Cultural Relativism
2. Explain any five characteristics of belief systems (5 Marks)
3. Differentiate between Religious and Non-Religious Belief Systems giving examples (5 Marks)

4. Describe the channels through which culture influences health. (5 Marks)
5. Explain why cultures vary from society to society. (5 Marks)

SECTION B (Set 5 Questions)

ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS (75 Marks)

Long Answer Questions

6. Discuss the ethical elements in a belief system. (25 Marks)
7. Discuss the implications of religion to human existence (25 marks)
8. Describe the Western perspectives on religion (25 Marks)
9. Henslin and Nelson (1995) and Calhoun et al. (1994) highlighted the elements of culture that shapes society and brings unity. Discuss. (25 Marks)
10. a. The moral controversies of contemporary bioethics are typically analyzed with reference to what has been termed “the bioethics paradigm ” which consists of a “trinity” of moral concepts. Discuss. (15 Marks)
- b. Describe five characteristics of Culture that cut across the whole world (10 Marks)