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RET321X STUDYING THEOLOGY IN THE AFRICAN CONTEXT.

Final Exam

Time: 2 Hours

Instructions:

1. Answer **all questions in Section A** and **2 questions in section B**.
2. This is not an open book exam. Any form of cheating will lead to immediate dismissal from the exam room. The candidate will earn a failing grade.
3. Follow the instructions carefully.
4. Do not write anything on the question paper
5. Please write your answers legibly

SECTION A: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS (30 MARKS)

Question 1.

- a) Justify the need to study theology in the African context. (3 marks)
- b) Explain the major concern of each of the following theologies
 - i. Inculturation Theology. (2 marks)
 - ii. Prosperity theology. (2 marks)
 - iii. Evangelicalism (2 marks)

Question 2.

- a) Explain three major classifications of worldview. (6 marks)
- b) State three reasons why Africans were considered uncivilized by the Whites. (3 marks)

Question 3.

- a) Your friend has sick and aging widowed parent. He is considering taking him to a home for the elderly. Advice your friend on the issue from an African Christian perspective. (6 marks)
- b) Explain the three phases of rites of passage in ATS. (6 marks)

SECTION B: ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS (40 MARKS)

Question 1

- a) “Ethnicity is both an asset and a liability to Africa’.

Discuss this statement in view of modern trends of ethnicity in Africa. (10 marks)

- b) Clearly state what should be the appropriate Christian response to ethnicity (10 marks)

Question 2

- a) Discuss five factors that have led to the decline in the sense of community that characterized ATS. (8 marks)
- b) Using the early church as the model, suggest five ways in which the modern church can be the alternative community to the African Christian. (8 marks)

Question 3

Critically evaluate the relevance of Mbiti’s statement that “Africans are notoriously religious” in light of African Traditional Religion and contemporary African Christianity. (20 marks)