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FIRST SEMESTER 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

RELI 111: PHENOMENOLOGY OF RELIGION

STREAM: BED ARTS

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: THURSDAY [14.30 P.M-16.30 P.M]

DATE: 5/02/2026

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO (2) PAGES

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Answer question One and any other two.

QUESTION ONE

- a) Identify aspects of phenomenology of religion **(10marks)**
- b) Explore the various spiritual practices within a religious tradition. **(10marks)**
- c) Explain the characteristics of religion **(5 marks)**
- d) Highlight four sacred objects in religious traditions **(5 marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- a) Discuss the main challenges scholars face when attempting to define religion. **(10marks)**
- b) Explain how these challenges affect the study of religion as an academic discipline. **(10marks)**

QUESTION THREE

- a) Discuss the problem of evil according to Wiliam I Lowe **(10marks)**
- b) Explain the importance of the dimensions of Religion **(10marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Discuss the manifestations of the sacred **(10marks)**
- b) Cite religious responses to the problem of evil **(10 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Evaluate the role of sacred places **(10marks)**
- b) Analyze types of Sacred Spaces **(10marks)**

QUESTION SIX

- a) Asses sacred communities across different religious and spiritual traditions **(10marks)**
- b) Explain functions of theodicies **(10marks)**