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1ST SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

**RELI 412: RELIGION, POLITICS AND DEVELOPMENT IN
AFRICA**

STREAM:

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: MONDAY [11.30-13.30 P.M]

DATE: 04/12/2023

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3) PAGES

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INSTRUCTIONS: Question **ONE** is **COMPULSORY** and any **TWO**

QUESTION ONE

- a) Give a clear definition of religion and development. **(10mks)**
- b) Discuss the key stages and process of democratization. **(10mks)**
- c) Describe the challenges associated with human right principles in diverse cultural contexts **(10mks)**

QUESTION TWO

- a) Provide an example of a "soft" theocracy and explain how it differs from a "hard" theocracy. **(10mks)**
- b) Analyze the relationship between religion and politics impact social cohesion in contemporary societies? **(10mks)**

QUESTION THREE

- a) Discuss giving clear examples how religious institutions contribute to social transformation and development? **(10mks)**
- b) Why is "gender equity" considered imperative in development initiatives? **(10mks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- a) What is the significance of "interfaith dialogue" in the context of religion and development? **(10mks)**
- b) Discuss the role of interfaith dialogue in enhancing social cohesion in diverse societies. **(10mks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- a) How can religious leaders in Africa promote social change? **(10mks)**
- b) In the context of religion's impact on policy, what does Charles Taylor's work "A Secular Age" explore? **(10mks)**

QUESTION SIX

- a) What are the ethical dilemmas in balancing culture, religion, and human rights in African development? **(10mks)**
- b) Describe the potential conflict between "religious freedom" and "human rights" as you have learnt. **(10mks)**

