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1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

**RELI 312: RELIGION, POLITICS AND DEVELOPMENT IN  
AFRICA**

***STREAM:***

***TIME: 2 HRS***

***DAY: WEDNESDAY [14.30-16.30 P.M]***

***DATE: 06/12/2023***

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

**QUESTION ONE**

Discuss the following theories giving clear examples on each:

- a) Social Theory (8mks)
- b) Dependency Theory (8mks)
- c) Modernization Theory (8mks)
- d) Give a clear definition of politics and democratization (6mks)

**QUESTION TWO**

- a) Provide an examples of a "soft" theocracy and explain how they differs from a "hard" theocracy. (10mks)
- b) How can religious institutions contribute to social transformation and development? Provide examples. (10mks)

**QUESTION THREE**

- a) Describe the challenges associated with implementing universal human rights principles in diverse cultural contexts. (10mks)
- b) Explain the concept of "cultural sensitivity" in the context of development initiatives. (10mks)

**QUESTION FOUR**

- a) Discuss the potential conflict between "religious freedom" and "human rights" .(10mks)
- b) How does the relationship between religion and politics impact social cohesion in contemporary societies? (10mks)

**QUESTION FIVE**

- a) Evaluate the implications of secularism and religious pluralism on social cohesion in multicultural societies. (10mks)
- b) What are the ethical dilemmas in balancing culture, religion, and human rights in African development? (10mks)

**QUESTION SIX**

- a) Analyze clearly how political structures influence human rights implementation. (10mks)
- b) What is theocracy and how does it differ from secular forms of government? (10mks)

