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FIRST SEMESTER 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

RELI 311: SOCIOLOGY RELIGION

STREAM: BED ARTS

TIME: 2 HRS

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

DATE: 6/02/2026

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question one and any other two questions

QUESTION ONE

- a) Explain the term sociology of religion **(3 marks)**
- b) Describe the following terms
 - i) Structural Functionalism **(3marks)**
 - ii) Conflict Theory **(3marks)**
 - iii) Symbolic Interactionism **(3marks)**
- c) Describe the scope of sociology of religion **(6 marks)**
- d) Explain and give examples of the following
 - i) religious beliefs **(4marks)**
 - ii) religious practices **(4marks)**
 - iii)religious organizations **(4 marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- a) Identify the components that constitute a religion? **(10marks)**
- b) Discuss the various functions of religion in society. **(10marks)**

QUESTION THREE

Outline the impact of religion on the following social institutions.

- a) Family **(5 marks)**
- b) Government **(5 marks)**
- c) Church **(5 marks)**
- d) Education **(5 marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Enumerate types of religious practices **(10marks)**
- b) Explain the functions of social institutions **(10marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Assess the influence of religion on social change **(10marks)**
- b) Discuss the significance of modern religious life in Africa **(10marks)**

QUESTION SIX

a) Identify the negative effects of religion on society

(10 marks)

b) Explain the beliefs associated with agnosticism

(10marks)