

# UNIVERSITY OF FORT HARE

**TRS 225**  
Religion and Ethics for Development for Social Transformation

## **DEGREE EXAMINATIONS** **NOV 2018**

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Time: 3 Hours  
Subject: Religion Studies  
Paper: Religion and Ethics for Development for Social Transformation  
Marks: 100

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### **Instructions**

Answer four (4) questions.  
Each question carries 25 marks.  
Kindly visibly number your answers  
Please write as neatly and legibly as possible  
Return question paper to the invigilator

**Question 1:**

**Either**

- 1.1 According to Musonda Bwalya (2012) “There is so much alienation, pain and suffering in our today’s world. In this vein, African Christianity, a voice amongst many voices, should seek to be a transformational religion for the whole of life, affecting all facets of human life towards a fuller life of all in Africa”.

Discuss, with specific reference to role of African Christianity in the transformation of (South) Africa.

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**Or**

- 1.2 According to Teehan (2006:747) “religious ethical traditions can be understood as cultural expressions of underlying evolutionary processes”. Discuss.

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**Question: 2**

With reference to trends in the development of civilizations, Stepin (2009:67) indicated that) “The ability to overcome global crises requires a change in the goals of human action and its ethical regulators. This radical transformation means moving from technogenic civilization to a new model of development different from the traditionalist and technogenic models.”

Discuss, with specific reference to the distinction between the so-called western (technogenic) and eastern value systems.

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**Question 3:**

- 3.1 What are the indicators of otherness that come together around the ethic of competition and give rise to xenophobic reaction? (4)

- 3.2 Individuals who become aware of the wrong doing of peer group members face a difficult ethical dilemma. (Barnett, Bass, Brown 1996:1161)

- 3.2.1 How may the individuals respond? (3)

- 3.2.2 Define whistleblowing (2)

- 3.2.3 How has whistleblowing been classified? (3)

- 3.2.4 What are the key contextual factors thought to influence the whistleblowing decision? (3)

- 3.2.5 What are the key individual factors thought to influence the whistleblowing decision? (3)

- 3.2.6 How is religiosity usually being defined? (3)

- 3.2.7 Provide the various operationalizations of religiosity (4)

**Question 4:**

4.1 The decision makers use the following seven criteria to the best of their abilities and within their information processing capabilities when conducting a vigilant information search: (McDevitt, Giapponi, Tromley 2007:222-223)

Explain these seven criteria (15)

4.2.1 According to Kang'ethe, Duma (2013), what are the Strategies to Redress Xenophobia in South Africa (5)

4.2.3 According to Omar (2009), what is an ethic of hospitality? (5)

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