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**TRS 4312: COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RELIGION**

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**100 MARKS**

**TIME:09:00**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- i). Question ONE is compulsory (marks 40)
- ii). Chose any other two questions from the paper. Each question carries 30 marks

**QUESTIONS ONE**

Examine problems associated with Religious Fundamentalism and its role in creating conflict in the society.

(20)

Discuss the following concepts in association with defining the term 'religion' as highlighted by Mokotso and Ntombana in their book entitled Religious Pluralism for Inclusive Education. (20)

Etymology  
Substantive  
Functional

**QUESTION TWO**

Critically examine the meaning of lived religion theory in relation to its role in refocusing the society toward spirituality than on religious fundamentalisms. In your answer give examples of scholars who have applied this theory and the contexts they applied to.

**QUESTION THREE**

Mokotso and Ntombana in their book entitled "Religious Pluralism for Inclusive Education" discuss the following different approaches to the study of religion. Critically discuss these in line with social cohesion and multifaith society.

Conventional  
Particularistic  
Phenomenological  
Pluralism or multi-faith approach

**QUESTION FOUR**

Critically examine queer theory. In your response take into consideration how the scholarship on this theory can end discrimination and encourage acceptance of queer people.