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TRS 4313: INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN TRADITIONAL 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

“The translation of molimo as God has been subject to debate at the turn of the second half of the 20th century. The key concern of this debate is whether or not the Protestant missionaries were correct in their translation of molimo.”

In line with the above quote from Dr S Molapo, critically discuss at least four main arguments raised by Molapo to make a point on the role of protestant missionaries in translating the Basotho name for Molimo to a Christian God.

QUESTION TWO

Choose one chapter from the BOLESWA Occasional papers in Theology and Religion and respond to the role of women in African Indigenous (Traditional) religions. In your answer show how the author(s) articulate the significance of women in advancing spirituality within the African context.

QUESTION THREE

Critically examine the paper by Ntombana and Mokotso entitled " God is not a Christian" In your response take into consideration the role of colonisers in undermining the African Indigenous (Traditional) Religions. further highlight the author’s argument around their concession on arguing that “God is not a Christian”.

QUESTION FOUR

Critically discuss the Basotho notion of Death according to Prof F Rakotsona in his Masters thesis.