



*"Investing in Africa's Future"*

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**NTCS507 INDIGENOUS RELIGION AND AFRICAN DEMOCRACY**

**END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

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**DURATION: 5 HOURS**

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***INSTRUCTIONS***

1. Do **NOT** write your name on the answer sheet
2. Answer **ONE** Question
3. Credit will be given for neat, well-written and lucid work.

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1. According to a survey that some researchers conducted, the researchers predicted that Christianity and Islam would grow substantially in Sub-Saharan Africa between 2015 and 2060. Another prediction associated with this growth is that there would also be an increase in the number of elites and both the growth in religiosity and the number of elites would translate to the increasing democratization of Africa.
  - a) Demonstrate your understanding of the terms 'indigenous religion', 'African democracy', 'African Political Ethics', and 'Consensus'. **[20]**
  - b) Examine any three reasons why the increase in religiosity and the increase in the number of elites are not meaningfully contributing to democratization of Africa and the way forward. **[30]**
  - c) In the light of the possible impact of the thematic issues on African democracy below, examine the democratic deficit in Africa and propose the best way forward:
    - (i) Diaspora Participation
    - (ii) Social Media
    - (iii) Military Coup D'état's
    - (iv) Covid-19 pandemic
    - (v) The rise of New Actors **[50]**
  
2. You are one of the delegates to present a paper at the POLAD workshop on the country's political instability in the past four years and a relook at the democratization process of countries in the SADC region.
  - a) Discuss the phenomenon of the multi- party-political state as a catalyst of promoting and protecting democratization of the SADC region. **[40]**
  - b) Giving examples, evaluate the impact of the institution of traditional chiefs in any one SADC country of your choice, on the democratization in the SADC region. **[60]**
  
3. You have been appointed a lecturer on African religious-cultural systems and Democracy.
  - a) Design an introductory lecture in which you give critical summaries of the concepts 'tolerance', 'global leadership', and 'Ubuntu perspective on leadership', 'Western democracy and Sustainable Development Goals' **[50]**
  - b) Design a lecture in which you debate the role of the African belief system in democratic governance using your home country as a case study. **[50]**

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