



SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
ICS 511: Major World Religions (3 Credit Hours)
FINAL EXAM - 60%
MAY 2020 Trimester
(MAT- SCHOOL BASED)
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Instructions

- ❖ This is an open book exam
- ❖ Incomplete answers will not attract any credit.

SECTION ONE : COMPULSORY

1. If you were not a Christian and you had to choose between two religions, which of the following would you choose and why? **(30 Marks)**
 - (a) Jainism vs Sikhism
 - (b) Taoism vs. Confucianism
 - (c) Hare Krishna vs. Shintoism
 - (d) Buddhism vs. Hinduism
 - (e) Judaism vs. Islam
 - (f) ATR vs. New Agers

SECTION TWO : CHOOSE AND ANSWER *THREE* QUESTIONS

2. You are teaching a group of Hindus on the benefits of being a Christian, considering the Hindu beliefs and practices , explain **five** major Christian themes that would make your presentation. **(10 Marks)**
3. (a). What is afterlife? **(2 Marks)**
(b). How would the understanding of Christian teaching of afterlife be helpful to the following world religions adherent?
 - I. Jain
 - II. Shinto
 - III. Zoroastrian
 - IV. Buddhist **(8 Marks)**

4. (a) What is the significance of theological reflection in the spiritual formation of a Christian convert from any of the other world religions ? **(2 Marks)**
(b) Discuss **four** themes gleaned from the beliefs and practices of ATR- (Africa Traditional Religion), that a Christian Theologian would redeem in the contextualization process for Christian life. **(8 Marks)**
5. (a) Benevolence , charity, or alms giving is major religious practice among the adherents of some world religions, choose **three** religions known for almsgiving and explain their understanding of this practice. **(6 Marks)**
(b) How does the Christian practice of benevolence differ from that of the three religions? **(2 Marks)**
6. The pursuit of salvation underlies the major world religious beliefs and practices.
(a) What is the Islamic doctrine of salvation?
(b) How would a Muslim find **redemption fulfillment** by converting to Christianity? **(10 Marks)**