SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

THE 223:MAJOR RELIGIONS AND CULTS IN AFRICA
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FINAL EXAM 60%
2 HOURS

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

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

1. Provide a Christian/biblical response to the following:
    a. In relation to the Quran, it is "Believed to have been revealed directly, word for word in Arabic, to Muhammad through the angel Gabriel. Its contents originate entirely from God, having no human component." ***Why would this not be a believable statement ?*****(5 Marks)**
    b. In Hinduism , it is taught that " The reincarnation cycle ends when a person has achieved Moksha (**release of the soul from the cycle of reincarnation)** when a person's soul becomes one with Brahman." ***Why would this belief not be transferable to Christianity upon the convert of a Hindu to Christianity***? **(5 Marks)**
    c. A religious ritual "is a series of actions performed according to a prescribed ceremonial order " ***Why do African traditional religion rituals pose a challenge to Christians in Africa?*****(5 Marks)**
    d. Studying other religions is beneficial. Explain**(5 Marks)**

SECTION B:CHOOSE &ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS

2. What is your Christian response to the following?

a. Islamic belief that Muhammad is the greatest prophet and Christ is just one of the other prophets.**(10 Marks)**

b. The Buddhist teaching that every follower should be "A lamp unto themselves" (**5 Marks)**

b. The criticism against the Christian teaching on the Trinity by adherents of other religions. **(5 Marks)**

3. . Explain the**four** fundamental beliefs in each of the following religions and demonstrate how ***each***would support an easier transition of its convert to Christianity.

a. Buddhism
b. Hinduism
c. Islam
d. African Traditional Religion **(20 Marks)**

4. Write a brief gospel presentation that you would use to evangelize a follower in each of these faiths.

a. Islam
b. Hinduism
c. Buddhism
d. African traditional religions (ATR) **(20 Marks**)

5. "Mindfulness is a type of meditation in which you focus on being intensely aware of what you're sensing and feeling in the moment, without interpretation or judgment. Practicing mindfulness involves breathing methods, guided imagery, and other practices to relax the body and mind and help reduce stress."
This type of meditation has been used by followers of Buddhism and adapted by some new agers. What is your Christian response to a proposal requesting the adaptation of this practice into Christian disciplines?**(20 Marks)**

6. a. One of the Jehovah witnesses'beliefs is that "Jesus Christ is his [God's] firstborn son, is inferior to God, and was created by God" How is this teaching a contradiction to scripture? **(10 Marks)**
b. Describe five cultic**doctrines**and demonstrate how these differ from biblical teaching .**(10 Marks)**