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**SUPPLEMENTARY/ SPECIAL EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR
ARTS/ BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

ARE 204: BELIEF SYSTEMS IN AFRICA

DATE: _____

TIME: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Questions ONE and any other two.

1. (a) Demonstrate why it is not possible to win converts to African religion from peoples who are not Africans. (5 marks)
(b) Analyze the various interpretations of the term “Africa” and the challenges there-of. (5 marks)
(c) Explain how belief in God may have originated in African societies. (10 marks)
(d) Account for the reasons why many Christianized Africans visit the diviners in moments of crises. (10 marks)
2. African worldview is theocentric, anthropocentric, and cyclic. Discuss. (20 marks).
3. Discuss the African ontology with reference to Placide Tempels. (20 marks)
4. Describe elements of continuity and discontinuity in indigenous African beliefs and practices (20 marks)
5. (a) Differentiate between magic, witchcraft and sorcery. (10 marks)
(b) Discuss the effects of witchcraft in the modern society. (10 marks)

