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HPG206: RELIGION, PEACE AND CONFLICT

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS DEGREE IN PEACE AND GOVERNANCE

EXAMINATION

TIME 3 HOURS

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INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

Each question carries 100 marks.

1. "Had you asked people before 1990 what they expected would happen in SA (South Africa), then most would have said they expected SA to be overrun by the most awful, bloody catastrophe and racial conflagration. It did not happen, instead there was the remarkably peaceful transition marked by the scenes forever etched on our consciousness-by lines of South Africans of all races going to vote, most for the very first time. I was 62-Nelson Mandela was 76. The disaster did not strike us. Then they said 'Ah, you wait until a black led government is in charge, then we will see the most awful orgy of retribution and revenge when the blacks so long downtrodden would get their own back from the whites so long the top dogs. It didn't happen. Instead, people were amazed by the process of the TRC when perpetrators of some of the most gruesome atrocities received amnesty in exchange for truth, when victims demonstrated a remarkable act of confession, forgiveness and reconciliation...THERE IS NO FUTURE WITHOUT FORGIVENESS." (a) Describe the atrocities that were committed by the apartheid government before SA became independent-10 marks (b) Explain how the Nelson Mandela led government was able to avoid revenge killings when they were in power-20 Marks (c) Summarize Arch Bishop Desmond Tutu's message in his speech "There is no future without forgiveness.-20 Marks.
2. Describe S.P. Huntington's views on the "Clash of civilizations."
3. Using a case study of your own, discuss the misuse of the just war principles by any powerful state in the international system.
4. Examine why Robert Mugabe and Emerson Munangagwa have failed to bring finality to the Gukurahundi Issue.
5. Discuss whether witchcraft is a religion or not.

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