



1. Answers must be written in an essay-like format.
2. Each question must be answered separately. DON'T ANSWER THE WHOLE EXAM IN ONE ESSAY.
3. Use the readings as your main source to answer the questions. You can use the videos and PowerPoints on the Blackboard to guide yourself to the right answers.
4. No random internet sources (i.e., Wikipedia, etc.). They are unreliable and should be avoided.
5. Plagiarism is not tolerated and will be reported.
6. Submissions after the deadline will not be accepted.
7. Your name must be written on the MSWord file and the first page of the answer file.
8. Files should be in MS Word format. No PDFs, Pages, etc.
9. There is no word/page limit. However, very short answers are not recommended.
10. **Text Format:**
  - a. Black should be the only color used in the answer file.
  - b. No bolds or *italics* unless necessary.
  - c. Font Times, Size 12; double space.
11. Use in-text references if you ever use quotations and add a bibliography at the end of your answer file.
12. The exam is due on **Wednesday May 5 before 9:00 P.M.**

Good Luck!!

## Religion and Society (10 Points)

1. Religion is usually accused of being misogynist, patriarchal and homophobic. In light of the debates on religion and its controversial views on gender and sexuality, answer the following questions:

- a. Why are religions sometimes viewed as anti-women? Discuss how women have been challenging the longstanding domination of men over religion.
- b. Why is religion viewed as “homophobic”?
- c. Discuss the religious division over same sex marriage, explaining what these divisions reflect about the changing role of religion in society.

2. Religion is not always perceived as a peaceful phenomenon. Sometimes religion is used as a justification for violence. In light of your understanding of religious violence, discuss the following:

- a. Why do people resort to violence in the name of God? How do they justify their violent actions? Use examples.
- b. Is violence the only means of religious resistance? If not, discuss how religion is associated with non-violent resistance.

**(10 Points)**

3. Based on your understanding of the relationship between religion and globalization, answer the following questions:

- a. What is religious globalization?

- b. Why was globalization ignored as a framework to understand religion?
- c. What is the impact of globalization on religion and vice versa?

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- 4. How do you see the future of religion in light of the topics we have discussed throughout this course?

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