



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**  
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**FACULTY OF ARTS**  
**2020\_1 EXAMINATIONS**

**PROGRAMME: M. A. CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
**COURSE CODE: CRS 852**  
**COURSE TITLE: SOCIAL THEORIES OF RELIGION**  
**CREDIT UNIT: 3**  
**TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTIONS ONE AND ANY OTHER THREE QUESTIONS**

1. a. "Religion is diverse in historical development, so either culturally varied that definitions developed from our African or western experience often fail to encompass it adequately". Discuss this in view of your understanding of the subject matter.  
b. What are the characteristics innate in the definitions of religion?  
c. Why do you think it is significant to study religion?
2. a. Dilate on the typology of the New Religious Movement in Nigeria.  
b. What are the characteristics of the New Religious Movement in Nigeria?
3. As a student of Christian Religious Studies, what do you think are the major methods in the study of religion?
4. a. Elucidate on the meaning of Sociology  
b. What are the issues that gave rise to the emergence of Sociology?
5. a. Define socialization  
b. Specify and converse on the conflicting agencies of socialization.