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**FACULTY OF ARTS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
**2024 1 EXAMINATION**

**PROGRAMME:** BA in Christian Theology  
**COURSE CODE:** RCS352  
**COURSE TITLE:** Sociology of Religion  
**CREDIT UNIT:** 2  
**TIME ALLOWED:** 2 HOURS  
**INSTRUCTION:** ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO

Question 1: Discuss the tenets of structural functionalist theory and its relevance in understanding the role of religion in human society

Question 2: Assess the thrust of Marxist theory of religion and its assessment of religion as a tool of exploitation

Question 3: Discuss symbolic interactionism and its relevance to the understanding of religion

Question 4. Assess the concept of Ancestor worship and its relevance in African social and religious worldview