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EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

ARE 801: PHENOMENOLOGY OF RELIGION

DATE: Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017

TIME: 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

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## INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer any **FOUR** questions.

1. Evaluate why performing Epoche is an essential characteristic of phenomenology of religion.
2. Discuss the contributions of any two of the following phenomenological theorists:
  - (i) Edmund Husserl
  - (ii) Gerardus Van der Leeuw
  - (iii) Brede Kristensen
  - (iv) Max Scheler
3.
  - (i) Name three characteristics of religion.
  - (ii) Explain any two of them.
4. **Either**
  - (a) Contrast patriarchal from matriarchal society.

**OR**

  - (b) Evaluate descriptive versus normative and understanding versus explanation claims as controversial issues raised by phenomenology.
5. Distinguish the following terms as a student of religion:
  - (i) Phenomenology
  - (ii) Religion
  - (iii) Henotheism
  - (iv) Agnosticism
6. Outline with illustrations, common problems facing religion today as a social phenomenon.