

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**  
**DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2005**

**TITLE OF PAPER** : **SELECT THEMES IN THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT**

**COURSE CODE** : **T3P6/IDE-T3P6**

**TIME ALLOWED** : **THREE (3) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS** : **1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.**  
**2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

**THIS QUESTION PAPER MUST NOT BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.**

**QUESTION 1**

“Christianity and Judaism start from a common origin” (Parkes, J.W. *Judaism and Christianity*, 1974:19). Discuss the relationship between the Jerusalem Church and the followers of Judaism in the first century.

**QUESTION 2**

Evaluate the importance of Arian teaching to the development of Christology.

**QUESTION 3**

“Constantine the Great (274-337) is the most colourful figure in the relationship between Church and State. He became the first Roman emperor who explicitly professed the Christian faith”. Critically examine the relationship between Church and State during Constantine’s reign.

**QUESTION 4**

Discuss Bishop Augustine’s teaching on EITHER grace OR the Just War, and show how he came to that teaching.

**QUESTION 5**

To what extent was the monastic movement a protest movement? Give reasons to support your argument.

**QUESTION 6**

“There were so many moral and social ills in the medieval Church that the Reformation had to take place”. Discuss this assertion with specific reference to the long term and immediate causes of the Reformation.

**QUESTION 7**

Examine the relationship between John Calvin’s teaching on predestination and the rise of capitalism.

**QUESTION 8**

Assess the contribution of ONE of the following to the development of Christian Thought:

- (a) Donatism
- (b) Henry VIII
- (c) Martin Luther
- (d) Council of Trent

**QUESTION 9**

“Formal education was the most effective method of evangelization”. Discuss the statement with specific reference to Swaziland.

**QUESTION 10**

To what extent can it be argued that the Somhlolo Vision is the foundation of the status of Christianity in Swaziland?