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- TITLE OF PAPER** : **LIBERATION THEOLOGY**
- COURSE CODE** : **T4P4/IDE-T4P4**
- TIME ALLOWED** : **THREE (3) HOURS**
- INSTRUCTIONS** :
- 1. QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY AND MUST BE ANSWERED BY ALL CANDIDATES.**
 - 2. ANSWER ANY OTHER THREE QUESTIONS.**
 - 3. PRECISION, GOOD THEOLOGICAL LANGUAGE AND ANALYSIS AND CLARITY OF THOUGHT AND ARGUMENT ARE SIGNS OF AN ACCEPTABLE ANSWER.**

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

QUESTION 1 [40] [This question is compulsory]

Write brief notes on each of the following terms:

- (a) Hermeneutic of suspicion
- (b) Omega Point
- (c) Demythologizing;
- (d) Method of correlation;
- (e) Preferential Option for the poor.

QUESTION 2

Discuss the importance of sources in theology using three major Theologians of your choice. [20 marks]

QUESTION 3

What is the method of Latin American Liberation Theology? [20 marks]

QUESTION 4

What is the relationship between the Church and the poor according to Liberation Theologians? [20 marks]

QUESTION 5

Discuss the major motivations for the emergence of Black Theology in the USA and South Africa. [20 marks]

QUESTION 6

What were the contributions of Martin Luther King, Jr., Desmond Tutu, Malcolm X and Steven Bantu Biko in the liberation struggle of their countries? [20 marks]

QUESTION 7

Identify the relationship between liberation theology and African Christian Theology. Why was Mbiti such a critic of Black Theology in any African country? [20 marks]

QUESTION 8

“Not only is God black, God is both father God and mother God. First of all, the being of God is a spirit. Human speech simply gives various verbal symbols for this divine spirit of liberation and freedom.” (Dwight Hopkins, 2001). Discuss Hopkins’ salient contributions to the debate on gender? [20 marks]