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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2005

- TITLE OF PAPER : LIBERATION THEOLOGY**
- COURSE CODE : T4P4/IDE-T4P4**
- TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS**
- INSTRUCTIONS :**
- 1. QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY AND MUST BE ATTEMPTED BY ALL CANDIDATES.**
 - 2. BEGIN EACH QUESTION ON A FRESH PAGE.**
 - 3. PARTS OF A QUESTION MAY BE ANSWERED ON THE SAME PAGE, ALLOWING FOR A SPACE OF THREE LINES IN BETWEEN ANSWERS.**
 - 4. CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO BE PRECISE AND ARGUMENTATIVE, RATHER THAN NARRATIVE, WHEN ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS.**
 - 5. LEGIBILITY, GOOD ENGLISH, GOOD COMMAND OF THEOLOGICAL LANGUAGE AND APPROPRIATE CITATION OR PARAPHRASING OF SOURCES ARE ALL QUALITIES OF A GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE ANSWER.**

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

QUESTION 1 (This Question is compulsory)

Write brief notes on each of the terms below. Your notes should be precise and only on the essential aspects of the term concerned.

- (a) Process of Despoliation
- (b) Method of Correlation
- (c) Option for the Poor
- (d) God of the Oppressed
- (e) Integral Development vs developmentalism
- (f) Humanization
- (g) Hermeneutical Circle
- (h) Conscientization

QUESTION 2

Write a critical theological comment on the theme of the Exodus. Indicate how this theme has been reused by oppressed peoples in history. [20 marks]

QUESTION 3

In what way is the biblical text supportive of patriarchy and unliberating for women? [20 marks]

QUESTION 4

Discuss the major arguments of Gustavo Gutierrez on the poor, history and revelation. [20 marks]

QUESTION 5

Discuss the contributions of the Civil Rights and Black Power Movements in the early rise of Black Theology. [20 marks]

QUESTION 6

What are the fundamental points of convergence and departure between the African-American Black Power Movement and the South African Black Consciousness Movement? Why have these movements lost currency in the US and South Africa in our times? [20 marks]

QUESTION 7

What is the relationship between faith and theology? Discuss this in the light of the struggle against oppression. [20 marks]

QUESTION 8

Write a theological comment on the New Testament theme of poverty. How should the Church as a community of the people of God respond to poverty as a human condition? [20 marks]