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TITLE OF PAPER : LIBERATION THEOLOGY

COURSE CODE : T4P4/IDE-T4P4

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

MARKS : 100

INSTRUCTIONS :

1. QUESTION ONE MUST BE ATTEMPTED BY ALL CANDIDATES.
2. THEN CHOOSE ANY **THREE** FROM QUESTIONS TWO TO EIGHT.
3. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 25 MARKS.
4. BEGIN EACH QUESTION ON A FRESH PAGE.
5. PARTS OF A QUESTION MAY BE ANSWERED ON THE SAME PAGE, ALLOWING FOR A SPACE OF THREE LINES IN BETWEEN.
6. CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CLARITY, ACCURACY AND GOOD COMMAND OF THEOLOGICAL LANGUAGE

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QUESTION ONE(COMPULSORY)

Discuss the theological insights of Gustavo Gutierrez, in relation to the theme “preferential option for the poor” as the very heart of liberation hermeneutics.

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QUESTION TWO

Demonstrate how the Roman Catholic progressive openness towards the concept of Liberation Theology is largely responsible for the rapid expansion of Liberation Theology since the 1960s. Your answer should also highlight the Church’s position on Marxist principles.

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QUESTION THREE

Clearly explain how leading exponents of Liberation Theology have redefined some universal theological concepts within the context of liberation of the oppressed.

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QUESTION FOUR

Discuss patriarchal Christianity as understood by feminist theologians. Considering your own national context, what are the repercussions of this type of Christianity on women development?

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QUESTION FIVE

Define the concept of God amongst Africans, as understood by B.E. Idowu.

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QUESTION SIX

“God’s rain fall on all regardless, so women’s hospitality should be abundant, free and all inclusive.”

Drawing from the works of Mercy Oduyoye and other African Women Theologians, clearly discuss hospitality as a central theme in African women’s spirituality. Your answer should also show how patriarchal societies often exploit women’s hospitality.

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QUESTION SEVEN

Discuss the significance of Civil Rights and Black Power Movements in the early rise of Black Theology.

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QUESTION EIGHT

With reference to the three theological approaches- State Theology, Church Theology and Prophetic Theology-, which approach, do you think the Church in the Kingdom of Swaziland has embraced? Authenticate your response with well thought-out theological arguments.

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