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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)

Using Latin America as an example, show how social analysis can be used as an effective instrument that can facilitate theological reflection.

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QUESTION TWO

What has been the contribution of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) in the development of Ecclesial Base Communities (CEBs) in Latin America? Using Brazil, Nicaragua and El Salvador, briefly illustrate the effectiveness of these communities in the 1960s and 1970s in bringing about social change.

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QUESTION THREE

Explain the context and early development of Womanist Theology in the USA.

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QUESTION FOUR

Critically examine the salient points of convergence and divergence between Marxism and Liberation Theology.

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QUESTION FIVE

Choose any three of the following figures and explain their contributions in the liberation of the oppressed and the marginalized:

1. James Cone
2. Dorothea Solle
3. Cardinal Ratzinger
4. Rosemary Radford Ruether

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QUESTION SIX

Write an analysis of the crucial factors influencing the origin and growth of the African Independent Churches, as perceived by David Bosch.

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QUESTION SEVEN

In a careful assessment of the contemporary socio-political context of the Kingdom of Swaziland, which group of people would you identify as the interlocutors of theology? Which liberative measures would you employ to alleviate their plight?

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QUESTION EIGHT

“.....the Kairos Document is indeed a form of liberation theology.”

Comment on this observation in the light of the characteristics that this document possesses.

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