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TITLE OF PAPER : LIBERATION THEOLOGY

COURSE CODE : 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 THEOLOGICAL INSIGHT.

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QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

Discuss the approach that Liberation Theology employs in its fundamental attempt to rethink theology from the standpoint of the poor and oppressed.

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QUESTION TWO

With reference to the Latin American context, discuss the views of Gustavo Gutierrez on the development and dependency theories.

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QUESTION THREE

In the light of the Exodus motif and the Incarnation, clearly demonstrate how Black Theologians have been inspired to effect social transformation amongst the poor and oppressed.

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QUESTION FOUR

Explain how social analysis facilitates critical reflection amongst the poor and oppressed. Use any socio-historical context to illustrate your answer.

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QUESTION FIVE

Discuss how John Mbiti and other African Theologians find African Theology to be liberative to Christians in Africa.

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QUESTION SIX

Write short notes on the following theological concepts:

1. Hermeneutic Circle
2. Theology as a second act
3. Ecofeminism
4. Preferential Option for the Poor

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QUESTION SEVEN

Explain the context and early development of Womanist Theology in the United States of America.

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QUESTION EIGHT

Consider the socio-political context of the Kingdom of Swaziland and highlight the theological approaches that the Church has adopted in addressing both the social and the political concerns in the country? Has the Church been effective? Support your view.

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