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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2007

TITLE OF PAPER : A STUDY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

COURSE CODE : T3P1/IDE T3P1

DURATION : THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : **1. Answer four questions in all.**  
**2. Answer at least one question form each section.**  
**3. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.**

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**2007 T3P1/IDE T3P1 (M)**

**PART ONE**

1. Discuss the differences in perception of the value of sacrificial rituals in Greco-Roman religions on one hand and Jewish religion on the other.  
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2. Explain with examples where necessary, the principles of textual criticism applied in determining an original reading of a text.  
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3. Why is it that text interpretation can be symbolically referred to as "conversation"?  
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4. Discuss the emphases, purpose, and main themes of Mark's Gospel.  
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5. Explain and comment on the Matthean concept of righteousness.  
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6. What is Luke's view of the problem of Jew-Gentile relationships?  
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7. Read the story of Jesus and the adulteress in John 8:1-11 in the context of HIV and AIDS in Swaziland.  
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**PART TWO**

8. With close reference to specific speech items in Acts, discuss the literary and theological functions of these in the narrative.  
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9. Fully analyse Paul's view of Christian freedom in 1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1.  
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10. The great Christian reformer, Martin Luther of Germany, once referred to the letter of James as "an epistle of straw". What did he mean by this and was he justified in his views?

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11. What is the central argument of the author of the letter to the Hebrews?

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12. Identify and explain the components of the book of Revelation which demonstrate its nature as an apocalypse.

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