

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES
MAIN EXAMINATION, MAY 2007

TITLE OF PAPER: SELECT THEMES IN THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN
THOUGHT

COURSE CODE : T3P6/IDE-T3P6

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

MARKS : 100

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.
2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.
3. CLARITY OF ARGUMENT IS ESSENTIAL.

1. "Christianity and Judaism start from a common origin" (Parkes, J. *Judaism and Christianity*. Oxford University Press, 1974; page 19). Discuss the problems associated with this relationship and show how they were resolved.
2. Comment on Paul's teaching on salvation and show how it influenced the spread of the Gospel.
3. Discuss the opportunities and difficulties that the Early Church encountered in its missionary outreach up to AD 400.
4. With examples, discuss whether Constantine's patronage of the Church was its greatest triumph or worst disaster.
5. Critically comment on Bishop Augustine's response to the Pelagian teaching on baptism and grace.
6. Examine the significance of **either** Arius **or** Nestorius to the development of the Christian doctrine on the person of Christ.
7. Briefly discuss the major factors that led to the rise and development of monasticism and assess its contribution to the universal church.
8. EITHER (a) Discuss the origins and explain the main features of the Greek Orthodox Church.
OR (b) Comment on the spiritual and moral situation in the medieval church and show to what extent it was the cause of the continental reformation.
9. EITHER (a) "Reformation in England was different from that on the continent" (Brockman, 1991:116). Discuss.
OR (b) Briefly discuss the work and achievements of the Council of Trent.
10. Discuss the missionary methods that were used in the evangelization of Swaziland.