

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES
SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION, JULY 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. Examine the factors that led to the rapid spread of the Gospel during the first three centuries after the death of Jesus.
2. Discuss the patterns of mission established by Paul during his missionary work.
3. Explain the circumstances that led to the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15) and show its significance for the growth of the Church.
4. "The case of Arius is a good example of how the Early Church failed to accommodate a divergent interpretation". Discuss.
5. Comment on the relationship between Church and State during Constantine's reign.
6. Discuss the teaching of Bishop Augustine of Hippo on the nature of the Church and the validity of sacraments.
7. Examine the motives and assess the success of the crusades.
8. EITHER (a) Why was the reformation in England successful?
OR (b) Assess the significance and the impact of the decisions of the Council of Trent for both Catholics and the reformers.
OR (c) Discuss Martin Luther contribution to the continental reformation.
9. "The Cross went before the Flag". Discuss the relationship between Christian missionaries and colonial agents in Africa.
10. Briefly explain the achievements and weaknesses of the Ecumenical Movement in Swaziland.