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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION JULY 2008**

COURSE TITLE : A STUDY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT I

COURSE CODE : T3P1/ IDE T3P1

DURATION : THREE (3) HRS

INSTRUCTIONS :

- a. Choose and answer FOUR (4) questions.
- b. For some of the questions refer closely to the relevant attached documents.
- c. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.

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T3P1 Examination (S) July 2008

1. 'The secrecy motif is a Markan creation.' How far do you agree with this assertion? [25]
2. Conduct a comparative exegetical analysis of the Beatitudes in *Matthew* 5:3-12 and Luke 6:20-26. [25]
3. How does Matthew's peculiar parable of the Weeds in 13:24-35 fit into the Gospel's didactic purposes? [25]
4. Conduct a hermeneutical appropriation of Luke's parable of the Good Samaritan in 10: 25-37 in the current Swazi context. [25]
5. Identify the gender views and practices inscribed in the story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman in *John* 4:1-42 [25]
6. 'The Acts of the Apostles should legitimately be called The Acts of the Holy Spirit.' Discuss. [25]
7. Comment on the view that 'reading the NT Letters is like listening to one end of a telephone conversation'. [25]
8. What is meant by Gnosticism and what influence did it have on the early church? [25]
9. With reference to any one of Paul's occasional Letters, comment on the view that "Paul's Letters are Letters... they are not a permanent theology". In your answer include comments about the implications this has for contemporary appropriation of Paul's advice contained in the Letter you chose to refer to. [25]
10. Referring to 1 Peter, E.J Goodspeed (1927) once remarked that:
1 Peter is one of the most moving pieces of persecution literature....Its picture of the Christian life is lofty and noble. Its attitude to persecution is in the best early tradition, patience and forgiveness, in contrast with the bitterness and hate which so colour the Revelation.

Comment on this submission with reference to the doctrinal contents and Christian instructions of 1 Peter while paying attention to the socio-political context of the Letter. [25]
11. Demonstrate how the author of *Hebrews* integrates literary devices with theological views in addressing the issue of the relationship between Judaism and Christianity. [25]

12. Discuss the critical link between apocalyptic hope for the present age and an outlook of otherworldliness in the book of *Revelation*. [25]