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DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES
SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2008

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

COURSE CODE : **T3P6/IDE-T3P6**

TIME ALLOWED : **THREE (3) HOURS**

MARKS : **100**

INSTRUCTIONS :

1. **ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.**
2. **EACH QUESTION CARRIES 25 MARKS.**
3. **BEGIN EACH QUESTION ON A FRESH PAGE.**
4. **PARTS OF A QUESTION MAY BE ANSWERED ON THE SAME PAGE, ALLOWING FOR A SPACE OF THREE LINES IN BETWEEN.**
5. **CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CLARITY, ACCURACY AND GOOD THEOLOGICAL ACUMEN.**

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QUESTION ONE

Provide evidence in support of the assertion that Christianity began as a sect within Judaism.

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QUESTION TWO

Discuss the reasons that necessitated the Jerusalem Council in 49 C.E. What impact did the outcome of this conference have on Early Christianity?

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QUESTION THREE

What is heresy? Choose any two of the earliest Church Fathers and illustrate how they addressed this subject in their Christian Writings.

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QUESTION FOUR

With specific reference to Arian Christology, comment on the impact of theological debates on the Christian thought.

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QUESTION FIVE

Analyze the factors that led to a schism between the East and the West in 1054.

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QUESTION SIX

Describe the socio-economic context in the medieval era which necessitated the birth of the sixteenth century Reformation.

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QUESTION SEVEN

Identify the major convergences and divergences in the theology of Martin Luther and John Calvin.

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QUESTION EIGHT

Discuss Huldrych Zwingli's major contributions to the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century.

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QUESTION NINE

To what extent was the sale of indulgences the major cause of the continental Protestant Reformation?

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QUESTION TEN

Assess the role played by one of the following towards the maturity of the Christian thought:

- a. Protestant colonization
- b. The Geneva Theocracy
- c. Vatican Council 1

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QUESTION ELEVEN

Examine the assertion that the 16th century Reformation in England was inspired by politics than religion. Cite relevant examples to cement your argument.

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QUESTION TWELVE

Critically examine the notion that Calvinism contributed towards political predicaments in South Africa during the Apartheid era.

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