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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2008**

- TITLE OF PAPER : LIBERATION THEOLOGY
- COURSE CODE : IDE-T4P4
- TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS
- MARKS : 100
- INSTRUCTIONS :
1. QUESTION ONE MUST BE ATTEMPTED BY **ALL** CANDIDATES.
  2. THEN CHOOSE ANY **THREE** FROM QUESTIONS TWO TO EIGHT.
  3. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 25 MARKS.
  4. BEGIN EACH QUESTION ON A FRESH PAGE.
  5. PARTS OF A QUESTION MAY BE ANSWERED ON THE SAME PAGE, ALLOWING FOR A SPACE OF THREE LINES IN BETWEEN.
  6. CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CLARITY, ACCURACY AND GOOD COMMAND OF THE THEOLOGICAL LANGUAGE

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**QUESTION ONE(COMPULSORY)**

***“...what praxis does is help Christians uncover and discover liberating dimensions that have always been present in the Christian concept” (Leonardo and Clodovis Boff).***

Discuss this assertion with specific reference to the universal theological concepts that have been redefined in Liberation Theology.

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**QUESTION TWO**

Analyze the role that grassroots religious groups have played in fomenting participatory democracy and social change in Latin America.

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**QUESTION THREE**

Give a theological critique of the Biblical attitude towards oppression and the oppressor. Justify your answer with well-thought out Bible references.

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**QUESTION FOUR**

Discuss the contents of the two Instructions issued in 1984 and 1986 by the Vatican in response to Liberation Theology. What contradictions can you identify in this response?

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**QUESTION FIVE**

Briefly discuss the significance of the following historical figures to the development of Liberation Theology:

1. Jurgen Moltmann
2. Johannes Metz
3. Karl Marx

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**QUESTION SIX**

Discuss the impact of Civil Rights and Black Power Movements in the early rise of Black Theology.

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**QUESTION SEVEN**

***“...the Kairos document is indeed a form of Liberation Theology.”***

Comment on this observation in the light of the features that this document possesses.

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**QUESTION EIGHT**

Critically analyze the role of the Swazi Church in the quest for freedom from socio-economic and political oppression in the Kingdom of Swaziland.

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