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BA HUMANITIES III/ IDE BA HUMANITIES III
FINAL EXAMINATION MAY 2009

COURSE TITLE : A STUDY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

COURSE CODE : T 3 P1

DURATION : THREE (3) HRS

INSTRUCTIONS :

- a. Choose and answer four (4) questions.
- b. Answer at least one question from each section
- c. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.

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SECTION ONE

1. "The Gospel of Mark is tersely written, fast-paced rollercoaster ride that drops us into the River Jordan with John the Baptist and doesn't pause for breath until we reach the empty tomb" (Still:1995). Comment on this observation by James Still in relation to Mark's narrative style. [25]
2. With reference to relevant internal evidence, describe the probable community context within which the Gospel of *Matthew* was composed. [25]
3. 'Luke wrote his Gospel for Jews as well as the Gentiles.' Discuss. [25]
4. Compare and contrast Luke's and Matthew's resurrection and post-resurrection narratives. [25]
5. In what ways does the Paul of *Acts* differ from the Paul of Paul? [25]
6. What are moderns to think of demon possession and Jesus' or early Christian wandering charismatics' exorcisms? Why might demon possession be less apparent in Western culture? [25]

SECTION TWO

7. Discuss with examples Robert Bradshaw's (1997) guidelines for deciding on the applicability or inapplicability of the contents of New Testament Letters in current contexts of faith. [25]
8. Using key illustrations from the genuine Pauline corpus, discuss Paul's attitude towards Jewish law. [25]
9. Apply a social-scientific approach to a reading of what *1 Timothy* and *Titus* teach about how men and women should relate in the church. [25]
10. Analyse the various generic characteristics of the catholic Letter of *James*. [25]
11. Explain the various ways in which the author of *Hebrews* describes the inadequacies of the old covenant. [25]
12. In what ways is the book of *Revelation* an interpretation of earlier prophecies? [25]