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**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**

**DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2009**

**TITLE OF PAPER** : **A STUDY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS** :

- 1. CHOOSE AND ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.**
- 2. WRITE IN CLEAR, GRAMMATICALLY CORRECT SENTENCES.**

**THIS QUESTION PAPER IS NOT TO BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.**

**SECTION ONE**

1. What does Mark in the opening statement in 1:1 mean by the word "gospel"? Explain the peculiarities of the genre of the Christian gospel by contrasting it with other known types of literature that predate it. [25]
2. Discuss with examples Matthew's use of the Old Testament. [25]
3. What do you think are Luke's community concerns? [25]
4. Along what theological lines does the later teaching of Jesus lay the groundwork for even later apostolic doctrine? [25]
5. Historical Jesus scholars for a long time neglected John's gospel as a reliable and accurate source of information about Jesus of Nazareth. Explain this attitude and show how John can be relied upon in the quest for the historical Jesus. [25]
6. How is the genre of Acts similar to, but also different from, most modern historical writing? [25]

**SECTION TWO**

7. What are the pros and cons of Pauline authorship of the *homologumena* and the *antilogumena*? [25]
8. Explain the character of the New Testament letters that are named "occasional", using relevant contents of any of the letters for illustration. [25]
9. What were the specific problems in the church at Colossae and Paul's remedies for them? [25]
10. Identify and analyse four New Testament letters which do not bear resemblance to the Greco-Roman letter structure. What does this suggest about the form and function of the New Testament letters? [25]

11. What would be the likely apologia by the author of Hebrews to the modern charge that salvation by sacrificial blood is a primitive religious concept?

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12. What historical circumstances evoked the writing of the Book of Revelation?

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