

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER JUNE/JULY 2009

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. CHOOSE AND 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 INSIGHT.**

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QUESTION ONE

What is the difference between a faction and a sect? Discuss how early Christianity shifted from being a faction to a sect.

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QUESTION TWO

Examine St. Paul's contribution to the development of the Christian thought. How did his teaching differ from that of the other twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ?

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QUESTION THREE

Describe the factors that explain the phenomenal growth of Christianity in the early centuries.

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QUESTION FOUR

"The Early Christian Church was a product of persecution."

React to this assertion. How did the different Emperors justify the persecution of the Christians in the first four centuries?

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QUESTION FIVE

Identify the convergences and divergences between Pelagianism and Catholicism?

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QUESTION SIX

Critically assess the religious rights granted by the Ottoman Government to Christians in the fifteenth century.

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QUESTION SEVEN

Would you agree with the assertion that Crusades were "holy wars?" Support your position with critical arguments.

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QUESTION EIGHT

Explain the significance of John Wycliffe and John Huss as precursors of the sixteenth century Reformation.

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QUESTION NINE

Describe the Catholic reaction towards Lutheranism and Calvinism.

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QUESTION TEN

Identify the correlation between John Calvin's teaching on predestination and capitalism. With reference to South Africa, critically examine the impact of Calvin's teaching on the Church of the modern times.

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