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DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES
END OF YEAR EXAMINATION MAY 2009**

COURSE TITLE : THE GOSPEL TRADITION

COURSE CODE : T 4 P2

DURATION : THREE (3) HRS

INSTRUCTIONS :

- a. Choose and answer **FOUR (4)** questions.
- b. For some of the questions refer closely to the relevant attached documents.
- c. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.

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1. Write detailed explanatory notes on any **TWO** of the following:
 - (a) Textual criticism
 - (b) Source criticism
 - (c) Form criticism
 - (d) Redaction criticism
 - (e) Social-scientific approach [25]
2. How is the Greek rule (331-323 B.C.E) an important phenomenon for the understanding of the New Testament events? [25]
3. Identify and explain the doctrinal and ritual bases of the conflict between Jesus and religious authorities of his day? In your answer, draw examples from all four gospels. [25]
4. Choose any two passages in the Gospels and discuss how your enhanced understanding of Jesus' social and cultural world illuminates the text. [25]
5. Compare and contrast Luke's and Matthew's birth and infancy narratives. [25]
6. Explain the main approaches that predominated during the quest of the historical Jesus. [25]
7. Critique Brandon's thesis on the unjust crucifixion of Jesus. [25]
8. To what extent does the cleansing of the Temple explain the arrest, trial and the subsequent crucifixion of Jesus? [25]
9. 'The author of the Fourth Gospel borrowed heavily from his immediate environment.' Discuss the truth of this assertion. [25]
10. Discuss the main theological distinctive aspects of the Gospel of Thomas. Use relevant examples to cement your discussion. [25]