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END OF YEAR EXAMINATION JULY 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. "Jesus used his immediate environment to teach. His words and actions were influenced by the geography of first century Palestine." With reference to any two parables on the kingdom of God react to this assertion. [25]
2. Where and when was the Gospel According to Mark written? [25]
3. Demonstrate how the Seleucid rule or the Ptolemy rule give an insight to the understanding of the New Testament events. [25]
4. Examine and evaluate the significance of the differences between the various gospel accounts of the crucifixion, death and burial of Jesus. [25]
5. What is the synoptic problem? How does the TWO-Source Hypothesis provide a solution to the synoptic problem? [25]
6. Relate the teaching of Jesus on loving one's neighbour to proper Christian attitudes toward modern social problems. [25]
7. "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."
 - (a) What is the meaning of this pronouncement
 - (b) Discuss the circumstances that led to this pronouncement [25]
8. Using relevant passages, discuss how Matthew and Luke redacted Mark. [25]
9. Why should the Pharisees and the Sanhedrin have opposed Jesus so strenuously? Why should Jesus have antagonized them? [25]
10. How does the Gospel of Thomas compare with the canonical gospels with respect to Jesus' nativity, ministry and message? [25]