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TITLE OF PAPER : **LIBERATION THEOLOGY**

COURSE CODE : **IDE-T4P4**

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

MARKS : **100**

INSTRUCTIONS :

- 1. QUESTION ONE MUST BE ATTEMPTED BY ALL CANDIDATES.**
- 2. THEN CHOOSE ANY THREE FROM QUESTIONS TWO TO EIGHT.**
- 3. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 25 MARKS.**
- 4. BEGIN EACH QUESTION ON A FRESH PAGE.**
- 5. PARTS OF A QUESTION MAY BE ANSWERED ON THE SAME PAGE, ALLOWING FOR A SPACE OF THREE LINES IN BETWEEN.**
- 6. CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CLARITY, ACCURACY AND GOOD COMMAND OF THEOLOGICAL LANGUAGE**

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QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

With reference to the theological insights of Gustavo Gutierrez, discuss how the theme “preferential option for the poor” is the very heart of liberation hermeneutics.

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QUESTION TWO

Clearly explain the historical factors that largely contributed towards the formulation of Latin American Liberation Theology.

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QUESTION THREE

Compare and contrast the methodology and key concepts of White Feminist Theology with African Women Theology.

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QUESTION FOUR

Discuss the socio-political and economic context in Israel (Northern Kingdom) during the mid 8th century. In what way did God show his special concern for the poor and the oppressed in the history of Israel according to Liberation theology exegesis?

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QUESTION FIVE

Explain the meaning of the following terms, within the context of Liberation Theology:

1. Hermeneutical circle
2. Epistemology
3. Dependency theory

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QUESTION SIX

Drawing from the works of James Cone and others, discuss the concept of "blackness."

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QUESTION SEVEN

Discuss the uniqueness of the methodologies for Asian theologies, in comparison with other theologies of Liberation

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QUESTION EIGHT

Identify the differences amongst the following theological approaches according to the Kairos Document

1. State Theology
2. Church Theology
3. Prophetic Theology

Which approach do you think the Church in the Kingdom of Swaziland has embraced? Authenticate your response with well thought-out theological arguments.

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