

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES
SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JUNE 2010

TITLE OF PAPER : CHRISTIAN ETHICS

COURSE CODE : T2P2

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 1

Identify the correlation between conscience and human reason. Critically assess the effectiveness of the two sources of guidance in making moral decisions.

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QUESTION 2

Clearly explain the function of the Christian community in shaping the Christians' moral judgment.

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QUESTION 3

Discuss Thomas Aquinas' influence in constructing the Roman Catholic understanding of procreation.

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QUESTION 4

"...The second is this, '...you shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

(Mark 12:29-30)

Discuss love as the central imperative in Christian morality.

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QUESTION 5

Describe Timothy E.O'Connell's approach in defining moral theology. How does his perspective differ from the traditional Catholic view?

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QUESTION 6

The unemployment rate in Swaziland is high, and an industry proposes to build a manufacturing plant that will employ many people but pollute the atmosphere. Will you encourage or oppose the industry in implementing its proposal? Give reasons for your response.

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QUESTION 7

Critically examine the position of the Roman Catholic Church on biomedical parenting.

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QUESTION 8

Suppose a member of your family is terminally ill, and he/she asks for your help in ending his/her life, what would be your reaction? Discuss.

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