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BA HUMANITIES III/ IDE BA HUMANITIES III
FINAL EXAMINATION MAY 2010

COURSE TITLE : A STUDY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

COURSE CODE : T 3 P1

DURATION : THREE (3) HRS

INSTRUCTIONS :

- a. Choose and answer four (4) questions.
- b. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.

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T3 P1/ IDE T3P1 Exam (M) May 2010

1. Why is the Markan priority the most common solution to the synoptic problem? In your opinion, which arguments seem strongest and why? [25]
2. Explore the relationship between Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of Luke. [25]
3. Using TWO genuine Pauline letters, discuss reasons why Paul's opponents opposed him with deep animosity. [25]
4. Why do many critics think that there is a sharp contradiction between the teachings of James and Paul on faith and works? Why is this only an apparent contradiction, a difference in emphasis, but not an acute contradiction? [25]
5. In your view, do you think that the New Testament can offer any meaningful help or advice towards contemporary challenges in Southern Africa? Support your answer. [25]
6. Discuss reasons why Freed submits "I think the authorship of Colossians is open to question." (E. D. Freed *The New Testament: A Critical Introduction*, 2001, p. 314). [25]
7. With reference to Paul' letter to the Galatians, why do progressive scholars think that the letter was intended for readers in north instead of the south. [25]
8. Drawing evidence from the Book of Revelation, delineate the chief tenets of apocalyptic literature. [25]