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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2010**

TITLE OF PAPER : SELECT THEMES IN THE HISTORY OF  
CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

COURSE CODE : T3P6/IDE-T3P6

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

Discuss the theological shifts in Christianity during the Pre-Apostolic and Apostolic era. How did these shifts shape the Christian thought in early Christianity?

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## QUESTION 2

Trace the most important developments concerning the nature of Christ's person from the Council of Nicaea (325) to the Council of Chalcedon (451). What is the significance of these developments for the history of the Church?

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## QUESTION 3

Explain the Donatist controversy. What was its impact on the maturity of St Augustine's views on ecclesiology?

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## QUESTION 4

Demonstrate the different theologies and patterns of monasticism in early Catholicism. How have they influenced the Roman Catholic understanding of celibacy?

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## QUESTION 5

Critically analyze the theological distinctives that led to the schism between the Western Catholic tradition and Eastern Orthodox tradition in 1054.

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## QUESTION 6

***"The Protestant Reformation was primarily an economic event."***

By describing and determining the relative importance of the economic, political and religious causes of the Protestant Reformation, defend or refute this statement.

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**QUESTION 7**

Compare and evaluate the views of the three Protestant Reformation traditions (Lutheranism, Zwinglianism and Calvinism) on any **one** of the following issues: the sacraments, the infallibility of the Pope, the relationship between the State and the Church.

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**QUESTION 8**

Explain how the Catholic Church withstood the onslaught of Protestantism. What was the Catholic Reformation, and what principal decisions and changes were instituted by the Council of Trent?

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