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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 2011

1. What is textual criticism? Using examples from the New Testament, evaluate the principles used by textual critics to establish the *urtext*. [25]
2. 'The only thing we can state is that the author of Mark is a Gentile Christian with whom we are not otherwise acquainted.' (Conzelmann and Lindemann 2005:218). In your view, what persuaded the two scholars to reach this conclusion? [25]
3. Using any ONE genuine Pauline letter, discuss Paul's attitude towards women and men. [25]
4. What is Gnosticism? How does the author of Colossians combat this heresy? [25]
5. Why is the authenticity of 2 Thessalonians highly disputed? Support your answer with close reference to this letter. [25]
6. Who wrote the book of Hebrews? [25]
7. What do we learn about human relationships from the parables of Jesus? Support your answer using illustrations from your lived experiences. [25]

8. Read the following passages and illustrate ways in which A and B edit C. Suggests possible reasons for the revisions you cited above. [25]

A	B	C
<p>¹⁶And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the Sabbath day. And he stood up to read; ¹⁷and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord". ²⁰And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²And all spoke well of him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth; and they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself; what we have heard you did at Caper`-na-um, do here also in your own country.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his own country. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when</p>	<p>⁵³And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there, ⁵⁴ and coming to his own country he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? ⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?" ⁵⁷And they took offence at him: But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honour except in his own country and in his own house." ⁵⁸ And they did not do many mighty works there,</p>	<p>¹He went away from there and came to his own country; and his disciples followed him ²And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue; and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get all this? What is the wisdom given to him? What mighty works are wrought by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" and they took offence at</p>

<p>the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when there came a great famine over all the land; ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zar`ephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Eli`sha; and none of them was cleansed, but only Na`aman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and put him out of the city, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw him down headlong. ³⁰But passing through the midst of them he went away.</p>	<p>because of their unbelief.</p>	<p>him. ⁴And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honour, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house." ⁵And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands upon a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And then went about among the villages teaching.</p>
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