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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION JULY 2011

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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1. Define redaction criticism. Do you think this method is of any intellectual benefit? Critically discuss. [25]
2. According to typical evangelical reconstructions, who wrote the Gospel according to Mark and why? [25]
3. 'The first Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians demonstrates that lamentable conditions in the church do not characterize post apostolic church alone. Aberrant beliefs and practices of astonishing variety and vulgarism flourished in the Corinthian church' (Gundry 2003:274). Using examples from your own community, what are the specific challenges faced by the contemporary church and Paul's remedies for them? [25]
4. "Then I saw a new heaven and new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more" (Rev.21:1). Make a critical analysis of New Testament eschatology in the light of environmental security and degradation. [25]
5. 'Apocalyptic literature is an outgrowth of deprivation.' Discuss the truth of this statement. [25]
6. In what ways did the author of Hebrews prove the supremacy of Christ over the old covenant? [25]
7. What were the accusations that were levelled against Paul in Galatia and how did Paul rebut them? [25]
8. Using close references to the letter, explore reasons why Paul wrote 1 Thessalonians. [25]