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COURSE TITLE : THE GOSPEL TRADITION

COURSE CODE : T4 P2

DURATION : THREE (3) HRS

INSTRUCTIONS :

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

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1. Do you think the Gospels can offer any meaningful help to present-day challenges? Support your answer with satisfactory examples. [25]
2. Comment on points of interest and difficulty on the following passage:

¹Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us, ² just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, ³ it seemed good to me also, having followed these things for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ that you may know the truth concerning the things of which you have been informed (Luke 1: 1- 4, RSV). [25]
3. Who wrote the Gospel of Matthew and Why? [25]
4. 'The dominant theme in Mark's Gospel is suffering.' How far do you agree with this assertion? [25]
5. How does the Gospel of John compare with the Synoptics? Give examples to support your answer. [25]
6. 'At first glance, Mark's portrayal of the disciples is as surprising as the messianic secret motif' (Bloomberg 2009:133). Discuss the truth of this statement. [25]
7. In your view, why are the first three Gospels similar and yet they are so different? [25]
8. Explain the Gospel of Thomas' attitude towards the family, wealth and women. [25]