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**DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2011**

TITLE OF PAPER : LIBERATION THEOLOGY

COURSE CODE : IDE-T4P4

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

MARKS : 100

INSTRUCTIONS :

1. ANSWER ANY **FOUR** 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 COMMAND OF THEOLOGICAL LANGUAGE

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## QUESTION ONE

Discuss the propositions of Gustavo Gutierrez in relation to conscientization as an effective tool in addressing political and socio-economic realities.

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## QUESTION TWO

Using Brazil during the technocratic military rule (1964-1985) as an example, assess the effectiveness of grassroots religious groups in fomenting participatory democracy and social change in Latin America.

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## QUESTION THREE

*"All theology is contextual"*

How would liberation theologians explain the meaning of the above stimulus?

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## QUESTION FOUR

Discuss the contents of the two Instructions issued in 1984 and 1986 by the Vatican in response to Liberation Theology. What contradictions can you identify in this response?

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## QUESTION FIVE

"Oppression is a basic structural category of Biblical Theology."

*(God so loved the Third World: The Bible, the Reformation and Liberation Theologies by Thomas Hanks).*

What is your understanding of the above assertion? Do you agree or disagree with it? Discuss.

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**QUESTION SIX**

Compare and contrast the methodology and key concepts of White Feminist Theology with African Women Theology.

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**QUESTION SEVEN**

Drawing from the works of Alan Boesak, discuss Black Theology as a theology of Liberation.

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**QUESTION EIGHT**

With reference to the three theological approaches- State Theology, Church Theology and Prophetic Theology-, which approach, do you think the Church in the Kingdom of Swaziland has embraced? Authenticate your response with well thought-out theological arguments.

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