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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, DECEMBER 2010

TITLE OF PAPER : CHRISTIAN ETHICS

COURSE CODE : TRS 202

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

MARKS : 75

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. CHOOSE AND ANSWER ANY **THREE (3)** 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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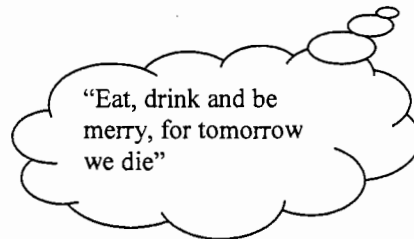
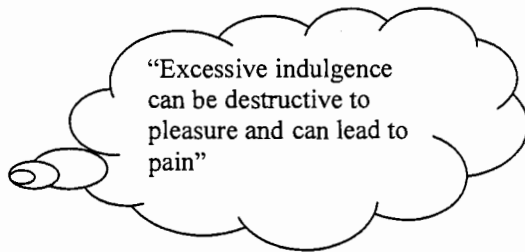
QUESTION ONE

Define Normative Ethics. Which one of the Christian ethical systems you have learned possesses some consequentialist features? Support your answer.

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QUESTION TWO

Develop and critique the ethical ideas illustrated in the speech bubbles below.



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QUESTION THREE

Joseph Fletcher argues that there is no action that is intrinsically good or evil; instead '*Love Decides Then and There.*'

Why do you think he says that and do you agree or disagree with him?

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QUESTION FOUR

Discuss the convergences and divergences between the pre-Vatican and the post-Vatican approaches on sources of guidance in making moral decisions.

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QUESTION FIVE

Discuss the defining features of the Old Testament morality. How did Jesus' approach to ethics differ with that of the Old Testament?

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QUESTION SIX

"...The second is this, '...you shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-30)

Discuss love as the central imperative in Christian morality.

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