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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2012

TITLE OF PAPER : SELECT THEMES IN THE HISTORY OF
CHRISTIAN THOUGHT 1

COURSE CODE : TRS 313/IDE-TRS 313

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. CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CLARITY, ACCURACY AND GOOD THEOLOGICAL INSIGHT.**

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QUESTION ONE

Critically assess the contribution of St Paul to the development of Christian thought.

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QUESTION TWO

Describe the function of heresy in Christian thought. Illustrate your answer with reference to Gnosticism.

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QUESTION THREE

Trace the dogma of the Person of Christ as it developed after the Council of Nicaea in 325CE to the Council of Chalcedon in 451CE.

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QUESTION FOUR

Describe the debate between St Augustine and Pelagius, with specific reference to sin and grace. Whose argument makes sense to you and why?

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QUESTION FIVE

Discuss the factors that led to the schism between the Eastern and the Western Christian churches in 1054 CE.

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QUESTION SIX

Critically assess the religious rights that the Ottoman Empire granted to Christians in the 15th century.

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