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COURSE TITLE : A STUDY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT 11

COURSE CODE : TRS 302

DURATION : THREE (3) HRS

INSTRUCTIONS :

- a. Choose and answer four (4) questions.
- b. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.
- c. All questions carry equal marks.

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TRS 302/ IDE 302 Main Exam (M) May 2012

Question 1

With reference to any letter(s) of your choice, discuss reasons why Paul's credentials as an apostle could be contested. [25]

Question 2

What is the evidence that most letters in the New Testament are composite? Use a least two letters to support your answer. [25]

Question 3

"For this reason God gave them up to dishonourable passions. Their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural, and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in their own persons the due penalty for their error" (Romans 1:26-27). Do you think Paul condemns homosexuality in this text? Support your views with related texts. [25]

Question 4

Outline the chief tenets of proto-Gnosticism. In what ways do New Testament writers combat this heresy? [25]

Question 5

What are most important distinctives that separate Colossians from the uncontested letters of Paul? What theories attempt to answer these differences and which of these is the most satisfactory? [25]

Question 6

In your view, what specific circumstances help explain theological differences between the genuine letters of Paul and the Pastoral letters? Critically discuss. [25]

Question 7

Jude has been described as the most neglected letter of the New Testament. In your view, what unique message does the church miss by not reading this letter? [25]

Question 8

'Apocalyptic literature is an outgrowth of deprivation.' To what extent do you agree with this submission? [25]

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