UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES BED III/BA HUMANITIES III/ IDE BA HUMANITIES III SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION JULY 2012

COURSE TITLE

: STUDIES IN 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 Supplementary Exam (S) July 2012

Question 1

Discuss theories behind the authorship of Hebrews. In your view, which of those theories do find most convincing and why? [25]

Question 2

Who were persecuting Christians in Thessalonica and in what ways did Paul comfort the traumatised community? [25]

Question 3

Apply the known scholarly principles in determining which of these two letters (Colossians and Ephesians) is the original letter. [25]

Question 4

Outline specific problems in the church of Corinth and Paul's remedies for them. [25]

Question 5

What prompted Paul to write to the Romans although he had not visited this Christian community? [25]

Question 6

Using specific examples, discuss Paul's attitude towards the Jewish law. [25]

Question 7

Do you think the New Testament provides salient answers to the challenges of the 21st century? Use at least two writings to support your views. [25]

Question 8

Decode symbolic language in the Apocalypse of John. In your opinion, why did the author use cryptic language? Critically discuss. [25]

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