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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2012

TITLE OF PAPER : SELECT THEMES IN THE HISTORY OF
CHRISTIAN THOUGHT 11

COURSE CODE : TRS 314/IDE-TRS 314

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

“The Reformation did not happen in a vacuum as there were movements for centuries calling for a return to Biblical teachings.”

How true is this statement? Discuss.

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QUESTION TWO

“The Protestant Reformation was an economic, a political and a religious event.”

By describing and determining the relative importance of the causes of the Protestant Reformation, defend or refute this statement.

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QUESTION THREE

Discuss the major divergences between the theology of Martin Luther and the ideas of the medieval Latin-Rite tradition?

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QUESTION FOUR

Assess the impact of women leadership in the Anglican tradition during the sixteenth- century Reformation.

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QUESTION FIVE

Critically analyze the successes of the Council of Trent in its response to the challenges posed by the Protestant Reformation.

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QUESTION SIX

Critically examine the notion that Calvinism shaped the South African political landscape during the Apartheid era.

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