

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**

**DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2013**

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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

*“Usually John Wycliffe (1324-1384) and John Hus (1369-1414) are regarded as heralds of the dawn” (Walt 1984:30).*

With reference to the Sixteenth Century Protestant Reformation explain the meaning of the above assertion.

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### QUESTION TWO

Critically evaluate the importance of the Renaissance in the development of the Sixteenth Century Protestant Reformation.

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### QUESTION THREE

*“Unless I am convinced by Scripture and plain reason... my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise.” (Martin Luther, Diet of Worms 1521)*

Citing examples from his theological tradition explain the meaning of Martin Luther's declaration during his trial at the Diet of Worms Assembly.

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### QUESTION FOUR

Considering the religious landscape in the Kingdom of Swaziland, what do you think would be the message of the Sixteenth Century Protestant reformers to present-day Christians?

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### **QUESTION FIVE**

Critically evaluate the view that Calvinism had some remarkable influence to political predicaments in South Africa during Apartheid.

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### **QUESTION SIX**

Briefly comment on the significance of the following on the development of Christian thought:

- a. The 1559 Elizabethan Settlement Policy
- b. The 1545 Council of Trent
- c. 1910 World Missionary Conference

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