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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION JULY 2013

COURSE TITLE : GOSPEL TRADITION II

COURSE CODE : TRS 403

DURATION : TWO (2) HRS

INSTRUCTIONS :

- a. Choose and answer three (3) questions only.
- b. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.
- c. All questions carry equal marks.

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1. Write critical comments on the following passage:

**Matthew 28:57- 66.** 57 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathe'a, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. 58 He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. 59 And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, 60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed. 61 Mary Mag'dalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre. 62 Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate 63 and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' 64 Therefore order the sepulchre to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." 65 Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." 66 So they went and made the sepulchre secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard. [20]

2. Using specific examples from the gospels, critique the writers' presentation of women and men. [20]
3. "The Triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the subsequent cleansing of the Temple triggered Jesus' arrest, trials and execution." To what extent do you agree with this thinking? [20]
4. Do you think the followers of Jesus were reliable witnesses to his resurrection? Critically discuss. [20]
5. Discuss the arrest, trials, crucifixion of Jesus using the honour shame model in the ancient Mediterranean world. [20]
6. What is deconstruction? Choose any passage from the gospels and apply this method in your critical reading of the passage. [20]

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