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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2014

TITLE OF PAPER

: CHRISTIAN ETHICS 1

COURSE CODE

: TRS 202/IDE-TRS 202

TIME ALLOWED

: TWO (2) HOURS

: 75

MARKS

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

What is the relationship between conscience and human reason as sources of guidance in decision making? Discuss various views on this relationship and defend one view against the others.

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QUESTION TWO

'Love Decides Then and There.'

Which ethical theory is best represented by the above statement? Comment on its meaning.

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QUESTION THREE

Describe Timothy E.O'Connell's approach in defining moral theology. How does his perspective differ from the traditional Catholic view?

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QUESTION FOUR

'Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die'

With reference to the above statement, write a critical analysis of Aristippus' ethical theory.

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QUESTION FIVE

'It is unreasonable to apply natural moral law to modern moral dilemmas.'

Evaluate this claim using the knowledge you have acquired in your study of Christian ethics.

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QUESTION SIX

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"...The second is this, '...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-30)

Discuss love as the central imperative in Christian morality.

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