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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2014

TITLE OF PAPER : CHRISTIAN ETHICS 11

COURSE CODE : TRS 203/IDE-TRS 203

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 1

'Christianity is old-fashioned in its attitudes to sex before marriage.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view.

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QUESTION 2

Critically examine the position of the Roman Catholic Church on biomedical parenting.

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QUESTION 3

Discuss the various ethical perspectives on abortion. Which one of these perspectives makes sense to you, and why?

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QUESTION 4

Evaluate the impact of Biblical teachings on the status of women in the Church in Swaziland. Quote Biblical references to support your argument.

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QUESTION 5

Tinkhundla System of Governance

According to Section 79 of the Constitution of Swaziland, the system of Government is democratic and participatory based on the Tinkhundla. The system emphasizes the devolution of state power from central government to Tinkhundla while individual merit is a basis for election and appointment into public office. (Adapted from Ministry of Tinkhundla Administration and Development Handbook).

What elements in the Tinkhundla system of governance do you find either compatible or incompatible with Christian ethical views on the democratic rights of every Swazi citizens.

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QUESTION 6

'Fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth' (Genesis 1:28)

What are the ethical implications of this statement to Christians?

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