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TRS 302 MAIN EXAMINATION, MAY 2014

TITLE OF PAPER : Studies in the New Testament II
COURSE CODE : TRS 302
DURATION : 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Choose and answer three (3) questions in all.
2. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.
3. The paper consists of three (3) printed pages including the cover page.
4. All questions carry equal marks.

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Question 1

With examples from at least **two** undisputed letters, explore reasons why scholars think that Pauline writings are composite and were written at different intervals for different occasions. [20]

Question 2

Discuss problems behind a rigid classification of the letters of Paul. Illustrate your answer with examples from at least **two** letters. [20]

Question 3

Discuss the chief characteristics of the Colossian error. In what ways does Paul counteract the dissenting teachings? [20]

Question 4

Discuss the literary relationship between Colossians and Ephesians. What conclusions can be drawn from the parallels and/or agreements? [20]

Question 5

What cues indicate that the Book of Revelation was written at a time of persecution and is not authentic to John? [20]

Question 6

Write a critical commentary on Paul's thinking about the position of women in the church. What conclusions can be drawn from those instructions? [20]

I Corinthians 11: 2-16, RSV

2 I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I have delivered them to you. **3** But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a woman is her husband, and the head of Christ is God. **4** Any man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head, **5** but any woman who prays or prophesies with her head unveiled dishonors her head--it is the same as if her head were shaven. **6** For if a woman will not veil herself, then she should cut off her hair; but if it is disgraceful for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her wear a veil. **7** For a man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man. **8** (For man was not made from woman, but woman from man. **9** Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man.) **10** That is why a woman ought to have a veil on her head, because of the angels. **11** (Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman; **12** for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God.) **13** Judge for yourselves; is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? **14** Does not nature itself teach you that for a man to wear long hair is degrading to him, **15** but if a woman has long hair, it is her pride? For her hair is given to her for a covering. **16** If any one is disposed to be contentious, we recognize no other practice, nor do the churches of God.

1 Corinthians 14: 34 -35, RSV

34 the women should keep silence in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be subordinate, as even the law says. **35** If there is anything they desire to know, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.