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DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2014

TITLE OF PAPER : SELECT THEMES IN THE HISTORY OF
CHRISTIAN THOUGHT 1

COURSE CODE : TRS 313/IDE-TRS 313

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

Discuss how Jewish thought and institutions were influenced by Greek Hellenization in early first century Common Era (CE).

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QUESTION TWO

Drawing insights from contemporary Christianity critically analyze the arguments of the 311 CE Donatist Movement in Roman North Africa.

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QUESTION THREE

Trace the most important developments concerning the nature of Christ's personhood from the Council of Nicaea (325 CE) to the Council of Chalcedon (451CE). What has been the general significance of these developments for the history of Church?

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QUESTION FOUR

Define monasticism. Do the ideals of an ascetic life have a place in the contemporary Christian Church?

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QUESTION FIVE

Write short notes on the significance of the following in the development of the history of Christian thought:

- a) The Ottoman Empire
- b) The Doctrine of grace
- c) Early Church Fathers

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QUESTION SIX

"...the main spring of the crusades was religious devotion." (Gonzalez, 1978)

Defend or refute this assertion, citing theological evidence to prove your position.

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