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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2015

TITLE OF PAPER : CHRISTIAN ETHICS 1

COURSE CODE : TRS 202/IDE-TRS 202

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 NEW PAGE.**
- 4. CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CLARITY, ACCURACY AND GOOD THEOLOGICAL INSIGHT.**

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Question 1

Critically examine the ethical hedonism claim that ‘people’s fundamental moral obligation is to maximize pleasure or happiness’ (Banks 2009).

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Question 2

“The various secular moral theories are like a variety of lenses. Each one helps us focus on specific aspects of human behavior and when taken together, they give us the best means to evaluate leading a good life.” (Crook 2013)

With reference to any three secular theories that you have studied discuss and evaluate this claim.

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Question 3

What does Paul Ramsey mean when he calls the Christian ethic ‘an ethic without rules?’

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Question 4

What are the fresh perspectives which James Gustafson’s theocentric ethic brings to Christian ethical discourse?

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Question 5

What are the strengths and weaknesses of relying on the conscience when making ethical judgments?

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Question 6

Discuss love as the central imperative in the ethical teachings of Jesus. To what extent do Christians practice the love ethic in your community?

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