

# UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

## DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

### MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER, DECEMBER 2014

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

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against gentiles, messianic claims, circumcision and Jewish dietary laws that characterized the process.

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**Question 2**

*'A calm after a storm'* (Wessel 2008)

Critically examine Wessel's statement in relation to the Edict of Toleration which Emperor Galerius published on April 31, 311.

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**Question 3**

Define heresy and assess its impact on Christian thought. Illustrate your answer with reference to Arianism.

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**Question 4**

Discuss the Donatist schism (311 CE) in Carthage. What were its implications on the development of Roman Catholicism in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> centuries?

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**Question 5**

Explain the significance of the Benedictine rule in monasticism. To what extent does it influence contemporary Catholic tradition?

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