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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2016

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 ONE

With reference to any three early western philosophers you have studied, critically discuss their arguments on duty theories and their importance in decision making.

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QUESTION TWO

Critically evaluate Ayn Rand's understanding of the word 'selfishness' in the study of ethics.

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QUESTION THREE

Critically discuss the redefinition of the Catholic Moral Tradition in the post Vatican Council era. Your discussion should also include the general response of the Catholic Church to the revisionists' ethical approach.

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QUESTION FOUR

Critically discuss Lewis Smedes' understanding of the Decalogue as authoritative on all matters of morality for humankind.

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QUESTION FIVE

'Reason is finite and limited; it is corrupted by sin; it is not the sole criterion for truth; it is not God' (Crook, 2013:61)

Considering Crook's observation on reason as a source of guidance, does it mean that Christians should not use it when making moral decision? Discuss.

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QUESTION SIX

Discuss St Paul's understanding of respect as an important ethical value that all Christians should have.

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