

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2016

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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QUESTION ONE

Critically discuss the interactions between Jews and Romans in first century Palestine. Your discussion should include the impact that these interactions had in shaping Jewish religious thought.

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QUESTION TWO

Discuss the main aspects of the early Jerusalem Church before the Jerusalem Conference in 49 CE. To what extent did these aspects affect the spread of the Gospel in the first century?

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QUESTION THREE

Select any one Church Father who lived during the Patristic era, and assess his contribution towards shaping early Christian thought.

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QUESTION FOUR

Critically assess the impact of Constantine's religious imperial policy on contemporary Christian thought. Your critique should draw on contemporary Christianity in your own context.

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QUESTION FIVE

Do the ideals of asceticism have some relevance to the contemporary Christian Church? Discuss.

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QUESTION SIX

Critically assess the objectives, accomplishments and failures of the 'Holy Wars' during the High Middle Ages through the end of the late Middle Ages (1096-1303) .

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