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MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2016

TITLE OF PAPER : SELECT THEMES IN THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT 11

COURSE CODE : TRS 314/IDE-TRS 314

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

Provide evidence to the assertion that the 16th century Protestant Reformation did not happen overnight. Your discussion should also be specific about the precursors who prepared fertile ground for the Reformation.

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Question two

Why is the December 1520 incident at the Holy Cross Church regarded as date of birth of the Protestant Reformation?

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Question three

Explain why some Christians of the 16th Century labeled Martin Luther a heretic, whilst others viewed him as an advocate for religious freedom and truth.

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Question four

Define "Protestant Ethic". With reference to any country's economy after the Protestant Reformation, explain how this type of ethic played a vital role in fostering the development of industrial capitalism.

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Question five

Compare the approaches of Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth 1 in their response to the English Reformation. Which approach was successful in achieving its objectives? Support your claim.

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Question six

Discuss the strategies that the Catholic Church employed to deal with the challenge of the Protestant Reformation. To what extent did the church succeed in its attempts?

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