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TRS 403 SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION, MAY 2016

TITLE OF PAPER : GOSPEL TRADITION II
COURSE CODE : TRS 403
DURATION : 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Choose and answer three (3) questions in all.
2. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.
3. The paper consists of three (3) printed pages including the cover page.
4. All questions carry equal marks.

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Question 1

Explain reasons why, in a close reading of the four gospels and other related literature, the place of Jesus' birth place becomes problematic. [20]

Question 2

Was Matthew, the supposed writer of the first gospel, a Jew? Consider why modern scholarship doubts the long standing traditional point of view. [20]

Question 3

Discuss, in some detail, the messianic ideas in the Gospel of John in the background of contemporary Jewish views of the Messiah. [20]

Question 4

Explain in some greater detail the message in the parable of EITHER the Ten Pounds (Luke 19: 11 -27) OR the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19 -31). [20]

Question 5

Show ways in which the Shroud of Turin is important in the faith of Jesus' followers. [20]

Question 6

Identify and discuss the character of the sayings of Jesus in the Gospel of Thomas and those in the synoptic gospels. [20]