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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

Critically discuss any one of the alternative theories to Christian ethics which best illustrates ethical egoism.

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Question Two

“Ayn Rand calls the doctrine of altruism *moral cannibalism* and *anti-self ethics*.”

(Crook, 2013:22)

Describe and evaluate Rand’s classification of altruism.

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Question Three

Identify the convergences and divergences between the pre-Vatican II and post-Vatican II Roman Catholic moral traditions. What is the official position of the Catholic Church after the revised moral traditions?

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Question Four

What does Paul Ramsey mean by "*the Christian ethic is an ethic without rules?*" What does this have to do with principles of ethical behavior for Christians?

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Question Five

“*Just as beauty is in the eyes of the beholder, judgment is in the mind of the judge.*”

With reference to the factors involved in making personal judgments, explain the meaning of the above statement.

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Question Six

What does Emmanuel Kant mean when he says we must treat humanity as an end in itself, and never as a mere means to an end? With reference to cases of poverty in Swaziland, give an example of treating humanity as a mere means to an end rather than as an end in itself.

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