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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

With reference to the arguments of early western philosophers in the study of ethics discuss 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

"The various secular moral theories are like a variety of lenses. Each one helps us focus on specific aspects of human behavior and when taken together, they give us the best means to lead a good life." (Crook, 2013:45)

With reference to any three secular theories that you have studied discuss and evaluate this claim.

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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 develop.

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