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TITLE OF PAPER : CHRISTIAN ETHICS II

COURSE CODE : TRS 203-IDE

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

MARKS : 75

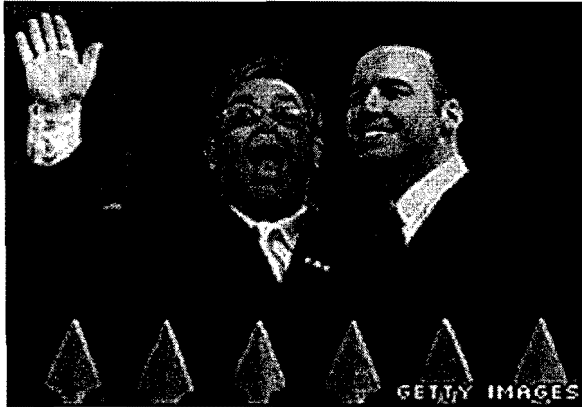
INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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

Consider the photograph of a civil partnership ceremony below and critically assess the traditional Christian view on same sex marriages.



“Sir Elton John and his partner David Furnish have become one of the first gay couples in England and Wales to “tie the knot” in a civil partnership ceremony.” (By Caroline Briggs BBC News entertainment reporter - Wednesday, 21 December 2005, 17:30 GMT)

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QUESTION TWO

If a member of your family could be kept alive indefinitely by a life – support system, how would you decide what to do? Clearly explain the moral justification of your decision.

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QUESTION THREE

Discuss the feminist reformed interpretation of the Bible as a liberative text that can empower Christian women. Your discussion should demonstrate familiarization of the radical feminist view.

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QUESTION FOUR

“...Jesus was in no sense an enemy of the state on principle, but rather a loyal citizen who offered no threat to the State’s existence....”

(By Oscar Cullmann in The State in the New Testament, p 54).)

Critique Cullmann’s assertion in relation to Jesus’ ethical viewpoint about the State.

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QUESTION FIVE

Considering the political tensions between countries you have studied, which one is likely to spark a world war? Will the war be morally justifiable? Discuss.

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QUESTION SIX

There are theists who consider the gift of the earth from God to be contingent upon our care of its creatures or our “stewardship” (Attfield 2003).

To what extent does this view promote humanity’s moral obligation to the environment?

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