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**MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER, DECEMBER 2017**

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TITLE OF PAPER : CHRISTIAN THOUGHT, PAST AND PRESENT

COURSE CODE : TRS 307

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 assess the contribution of St Paul to the development of Christian thought, from past to present.

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### **QUESTION TWO**

Critically examine Arianism as a stimulant to church development between the fourth and the fifth centuries.

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### **QUESTION THREE**

With reference to the Church in North Africa, discuss religious intolerance amongst Christians in the post-apostolic era. How did St Augustine address this subject?

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### **QUESTION FOUR**

Critically examine the phenomena that prepared ground for the occurrence of the sixteenth century Protestant Reformation.

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### **QUESTION FIVE**

Critically explain the impact of the Protestant Ethic on the religio-political landscape of South Africa before independence.

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## QUESTION SIX

Consider contemporary Christianity in your context and explain how the legacy of Emperor Constantine has shaped its theological perspective.

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