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**MAIN EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2017**

**TITLE OF PAPER : Select Themes in the History of Christian Thought I  
COURSE CODE : TRS 313  
DURATION : 2 Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Answer three (3) questions in all.**
- 2. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.**
- 3. Each Question carries 20 marks.**

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**Question 1**

Account for the hostile relationship that existed between the Jews and the Samaritans during Jesus time. [20]

**Question 2**

To what factors can the rapid growth and spread of the early Christian Church be attributed? [20]

**Question 3**

“The Early Christian Church had to overcome both internal and external problems before it became universal.” Discuss. [20]

**Question 4**

Discuss Arianism and its importance for the formulation of some of the Christian doctrines. [20]

**Question 5**

Explain circumstances that are generally considered responsible for the Christian Church's Great Schism in 1054 AD. [20]