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**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

Giving examples to illustrate your points, show how the Greek and Roman rule impacted upon the Jews and their religion during Jesus time. [20]

Question 2

Give a critical discussion of each of the following Jewish parties as existed during Jesus time: [20]

- a) The Pharisees
- b) The Sadducees
- c) The Zealots
- d) The Essenes

Question 3

- a) Describe circumstances that led to the Jerusalem Council (10)
- b) What good Church leadership skills can be learnt from the way the Jerusalem Council deliberated on the issue at hand? (10)

Question 4

How did the persecution of Christians by the Romans differ from the persecution by Jews? [20]

Question 5

In what ways did Emperor Constantine's conversion to the Christian Faith help in the growth of Christianity throughout the Roman Empire [20]

Question 6

- a) Explain the Nestorian teaching on the person of Christ. (10)
- b) How did the Church respond to the Nestorian teaching? (10)