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MAIN EXAMINATION, MAY 2019

TITLE OF PAPER : The Gospel Traditions
COURSE CODE : TRS 208
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

Discuss important background factors one has to know about as important prerequisite to understanding the Gospels [20]

Question 2

Explain the reasoning behind calling three of the canonical gospels, 'Synoptic Gospels.' [20]

Question 3

Give a brief expose of any five criteria used to determine the canonicity of the four canonical gospels you have studied [20]

Question 4

Which one of the various hypotheses that are proposed as solutions to the synoptic problem do you find more plausible than others. Explain your answer [20]

Question 5

Describe the religious situation in the Greco-Roman world of the 1st century A.D. [20]

Question 6

In what ways is the Gospel of John different from the synoptic gospels? [20]