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**TITLE OF PAPER : Studies in the New Testament II
COURSE CODE : TRS 302
DURATION : 2 Hours**

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Choose and answer three (3) questions in all.
2. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.
3. The paper consists of three (3) printed pages including the cover page.
4. All questions carry equal marks.

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Question 1

Why, of all the books in the New Testament, has the Revelation of John generated huge debates and so much misunderstood? [20]

Question 2

Identify and discuss the factors that prompted Paul to write his Second Letter to the Thessalonians. [20]

Question 3

With reference to the books you have studied in this course, explain the contribution of Paul in shaping the Christian thought. [20]

Question 4

Make a case of why scholars like Bornkamm (1971) think that the Letter to the Romans is Paul's "last will and Testament". [20]

Question 5

Discuss what Paul says about Christian conduct in the letters you have studied in this course. [20]

Question 6

Attempt a critical reading of the given passage taken from Galatians 1:11-24 . [20]

¹¹ For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's^[b] gospel. ¹² For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³ For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; ¹⁴ and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, ¹⁶ was pleased to reveal his Son to^[c] me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus.

¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. ²⁰ (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) ²¹ Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cili'cia. ²² And I was still not known by sight to the churches of Christ in Judea; ²³ they only heard it said, "He who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴ And they glorified God because of me.
