

UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI
DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES
MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER, DECEMBER 2018

TITLE OF PAPER : SELECT THEMES IN THE HISTORY OF
CHRISTIAN THOUGHT 1

COURSE CODE : TRS 313/IDE-TRS 313

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

Explain the Hellenization policy. How did it influence early Jewish thought?

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QUESTION TWO

Describe how Roman persecution shaped the Christian Church in the first three centuries. Were the persecutions of Christians by various Emperors justifiable? Why?

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QUESTION THREE

Critically assess the religious policy of Constantine the Great. What do you think were the long term effects of this policy?

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QUESTION FOUR

Discuss the significance of the Arian controversy for the development of Christian doctrine.

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QUESTION FIVE

Define monasticism. Do the ideals of an ascetic life have a place in the contemporary Christian Church?

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QUESTION SIX

"...the main spring of the crusades was religious devotion."

To what extent do you agree with this observation? Comment on the successes and failures of the crusades.

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