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DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES
MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER, NOVEMBER 2019

TITLE OF PAPER : CHRISTIAN THOUGHT, PAST AND PRESENT

COURSE CODE : TRS 307

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

MARKS : 75

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. 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 1

Explain how the early church in the 1st century CE evolved from being a faction into a distinct religion.

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QUESTION 2

With reference to Arianism explain how, what early Medieval Roman Catholics referred to as heretical teachings, differ from the Catholic tradition. Which one of the two traditions makes sense to you and why?

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QUESTION 3

Critically discuss the theological contribution of St Augustine of Hippo to Christian thought.

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QUESTION 4

How did the Council of Trent (1545 – 1563 CE) address the issues raised by Martin Luther and other Protestant reformers?

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QUESTION 5

Was the Protestant Reformation primarily an economic or a religious or a political event? Discuss.

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QUESTION 6

Considering 21st century Christianity, can you identify the legacy of the Protestant Reformation? Explain.

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