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TITLE OF PAPER : MODERN TRENDS IN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY

COURSE CODE : TRS 412

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

What was the reaction of the Roman Catholic Church towards Gustavo Gutiérrez's social teaching on preferential option for the poor?

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QUESTION 2

The Bible was used to justify slavery, but Africans made it their path to freedom.

Discuss the above assertion drawing on the history of the development of black liberationist thought during slave trade.

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QUESTION 3

“Christianity, for many Africans, remains a foreign religion. . . . It is only when inculturation takes place that Christianity ceases to be a foreign religion” (Osadolor Imasogie, 1983).

Explain the meaning of the above statement in the context of African Liberation Theology.

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QUESTION 4

Critically analyse the key elements of the first four waves of feminism. How have they shaped the African liberation thought of the 21st century?

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QUESTION 5

Religious misogyny is a by-product of religious patriarchy.

Discuss the meaning of the above assertion in the context of Christian teachings about women.

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QUESTION 6

What are the challenges faced by ecumenists in their attempts to unite the Ancient Oriental and Orthodox Churches?

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