

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES
MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER, DECEMBER 2013

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 FRESH PAGE.**
- 4. CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CLARITY, ACCURACY AND GOOD THEOLOGICAL INSIGHT.**

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QUESTION ONE

Critically analyze St. Paul's contribution to the 1st century circumcision debate that necessitated the Council of Jerusalem in 49 CE.

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QUESTION TWO

"The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church."

(Quintus Septimius Florens Tertullianus, 197 CE)

With reference to the persecution of the Early Christian Church explain the meaning of this quotation.

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QUESTION THREE

Critically discuss Emperor Constantine's roles as both a political and a religious leader of the Roman Empire.

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QUESTION FOUR

Demonstrate how the early Christological debates motivated the emergence of the Nicene Creed. To what extent was the Nicene Creed successful in restoring unity within the Early Christian Church?

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QUESTION FIVE

Compare and contrast the theological perspectives of the British monk Pelagius and St Augustine. Whose perspective makes sense to you? State your reasons, citing relevant examples.

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QUESTION SIX

Critically examine the reasons that led to a schism between the Western Catholic tradition and Eastern Orthodox tradition in 1054 CE.

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