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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)
KRE 2100 INTRODUCTION TO CHURCH HISTORY

Date: 13th August 2024
Time: 8.30am-10.30am

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) "The medieval period will be remembered as one of dark periods of the Church".
Explain. (5 marks)
- b) Using relevant examples, express how the Old Testament and Judaism prepared for the coming of Christianity. (6 marks)
- c) Highlight political and ecclesiastical factors behind the extreme powers of the pope. (6 marks)
- d) Analyze the background to the 18th Century Evangelical Revivals in Britain and America. (5 marks).
- e) Explain why the following have been regarded as the morning star to Protestant Reformation:
 - i) John Wycliffe. (3 marks).
 - ii) John Hus. (3 marks).
- f) What is the value of studying Church history to the student of Christian Religious Studies? (2 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) State the main agenda of Protestant Reformation? (2 marks)
- b) Compare and contrast the Protestant Reformation and the 18th Century Evangelical Awakening. (10 marks).
- c) "The Roman and Grecian government and culture impacted the growth of the church".
Comment. (8 marks).

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) "Some of doctrines and theological practices in the contemporary Church were borrowed from Roman Paganism". With examples, explain this statement. (10 marks).
- b) Discuss what entails scholasticism in the study of Church History. (2 marks)
- c) Illustrate how Scholasticism positively led to the growth and establishment of the Church in Rome. (8 marks).

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Constantine the Great, though not a committed Christian, contributed to the stability of Christianity in Rome. Explain (8 Marks)
- b) Comment on the Controversies brought by the following teachings as propagated by Gregory the Great:
 - i) Purgatory (4 marks)
 - ii) Iconoclasm (4 marks)
 - iii) Adoration of Mary (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) “The present day Church is in dire need of reformation”. Respond (8 marks).
- b) Discuss ways in which the persecution of Christians continues in today’s society. (6 marks).
- c) “The blood of the martyrs became the seed of the church”. Discuss. (4 Marks).