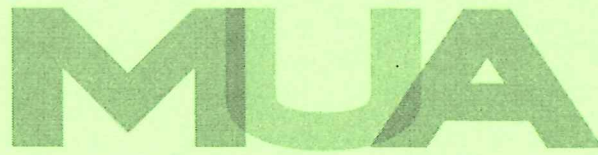


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DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

RES 232: CHRISTIAN CHURCH HISTORY

DATE: 1ST AUGUST 2024

DURATION: 2 HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 70

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Write your registration number on the answer booklet.
2. **DO NOT** write on this question paper.
3. This paper contains **SIX (6)** questions.
4. Question **ONE** is compulsory.
5. Answer any other **THREE** questions.
6. Question **ONE** carries **25 MARKS** and the rest carry **15 MARKS** each.
7. **Write all your answers in the Examination answer booklet provided.**

QUESTION ONE

Read the Case Study below carefully and answer the questions that follow:

THE ORIGIN OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Ancient Religious philosophers have always endeavored through research to establish the origin of world religions such are the works of Emile Durkheim, Charles Darwin, B.E, Taylor, and Charles De Broses. By their findings, much has been done on the origins of the present world religious such as Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, African religion, Christianity among others.

These study findings are of significance as they shade light on the origin and meaning of diverse religions in mankind. It also enlightens on the impact of religion to mankind, challenges and the trend of religion.

Christianity too, as a religion has got its origin, growth, challenges and hope for the future. The Christian church is one born in a world in which were fallen ancient great empires, the world was old from creation. Rome, the greatest empire was in existence. It is in the Roman Empire, that the Christian church lived for the first five centuries of its life. Christianity faced the influenced of the Jewish background, the Greek influence and the various religions that Christianity found in the environment.

Research, dates back to the birth of Jesus Christ at the time Rome was about 750 years old. However, with time the Christian church faced challenges that made it undergo persecution of early Christians. Today, the Christian church continues to exit but is not free from problems.

Required:

- a) Assess any five environmental factors that existed at the birth of the Christian church. **(10 Marks)**
- b) Analyze the relationship of the Jewish people with Christianity. **(5 Marks)**
- c) Examine three kinds of religious practices that existed in the Roman Empire. **(6 Marks)**
- d) Propose four attributes of the life of Jesus Christ as the Messiah proclaimed by His followers. **(4 Marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- a) Examine five significance of philosophical thoughts of stoicism in the Roman Empire (10 Marks)
- b) Propose five social factors that led to the persecution of the Christian church. (5 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) The command for the spread of Christianity was given by Jesus (Matt.28:18-20). This was given to the church at Pentecost. Assess three impacts of the event of Pentecost to the early church. (9 Marks)
- b) Assess three factors for the decline of the Christian church in Palestine. (6 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Propose three effects of the proclamation of the Christianity outside Jerusalem. (3 Marks)
- (b) Assess three factors that contributed to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.(3 Marks)
- (c) Examine three ways, the Christian church differed from the synagogue after the decline of the church in Palestine. (9 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Evaluate the mode of Christian worship in the early church. (10 Marks)
- b) Propose the role of Emperor Constantine in the development of the Christian church. (5 Marks)

QUESTION SIX

- a) Analyze three political factors that caused persecution of the Christian Church between 100-325 AD (6 Marks)
- b) Emperor Decius ruled Rome at the time of internal and external instability. Assess five of his impacts to Christianity. (5 Marks)
- c) Propose four major origins of Christianity (4 Marks)

