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B.A.(HONS.)THEOLOGY

PAPER I

Monday 3 September 2007

9.00a.m. – 12.00noon

Answer **ANY THREE** questions, choosing at least **ONE** from each section.
Use a **SEPARATE** script for **each** question.

Section A:

1. Discuss how the New Testament came into being over a long period of time, and as the result of many and protracted disagreements among Christians concerning which books to include and which to exclude.
2. The Pauline Paradoxes are literary devices by which Paul underlines God's ways of salvation. In view of the communities for whom Paul and the authors of the Four Canonical Gospels wrote, discuss Jesus' annihilation and glory He received from the Father.
3. One of the main issues tackled by the Biblical Wisdom Tradition is that of retribution. Illustrate the biblical concept of wisdom and discuss the contribution of one of the Wisdom Books on the issue of retribution.

Section B:

4. Theological anthropology is not necessarily "Christian", but Christian anthropology is necessarily "theological". Write on the theological sources of the specifically "Christian" anthropology.
5. "In the practice of dialogue between the Christian faith and other religious traditions, as well as in seeking to understand its theoretical basis more deeply, new questions arise that need to be addressed through pursuing new paths of research, advancing proposals, and suggesting ways of acting that call for attentive discernment" (*Dominus Jesus*, n. 3). Outline some of the new questions that have been emerging in these last 30 years in connection with the issue of salvation in Christ.
6. Explain what you mean by "an authentic sacramental orthopraxis". Illustrate your answer by referring to any three sacraments.