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FINAL EXAMINATIONS – RE-SIT SESSION SEPTEMBER 2007

B.A.(HONS.) THEOLOGY COURSE

PAPER III

Wednesday 12 September 2007

9.00a.m. – 12.00noon

Answer **ANY THREE** questions.

Use a **SEPARATE** script for **each** question.

1. Understanding the New Testament Environment implies having a background of Judaism in the Diaspora. Give a brief synthesis of Judaism in the Diaspora and its importance with regard to the proclamation of the Good News.
2. Women figure most extensively in the Hebrew Bible. In what ways is their presentation therein still valid in the third millennium?
3. How is traditional Messianism interpreted by the modern Jewish Movements e.g. Reform, Conservative, Humanistic Judaism and how do they basically differ from the Orthodox Movements?
4. Is there evidence of anti-Judaism in the Gospel of Matthew or in the Gospel of Luke which indicates that all thought of Israel as the people of God had been abandoned? Discuss.
5. Explain why the Paschal Mystery constitutes the apex of the life and mission of the self-forgetful Christ, the obedient servant of the Father and of his fellow men and women.
6. Epictetus, Pythagoras, Epicurus, the Stoics, and St Anthony the Abbot... Write an essay describing some of the distinctive ideals of the life of these exponents. How did they mould a particular movement in Christianity in the fourth century CE?
7. Describe how any two narratives in Genesis are structured in order to show the narrative art produced by their biblical writers.