

UNIVERSITY OF MALTA  
FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

FINAL EXAMINATIONS – RE-SIT SESSION SEPTEMBER 2007

B.A.(HONS.) THEOLOGY COURSE

PAPER IV

Friday 14 September 2007

9.00a.m. – 12.00noon

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Answer **ANY THREE** questions.

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

1. The New Testament writings, the most important source for the primitive church, provide only slight information on the constitution and organization of the Church. State and Society did however influence Christendom in developing and transforming its structures of organization, of legislation, as well as its sacramental order. Outline the roots of the Church's constitution in the first centuries.
2. Authentic icons portray a living theology in colour. Elaborate.
3. The disputes between the Papacy and the Holy Roman Emperors in the Middle Ages were many times bitter and serious. Discuss.
4. Christian spirituality could be seen as a continual process of the transformation of our human spirit by the Spirit of Jesus. Comment.
5. "The spread of small religious groups [sects and cults] proves that religiousness is changing, rather than receding, and that larger Churches are mistaken if they interpret their own falling number as proof of advancing atheism" (Johnathan Luxmoore, *The Tablet* 22/1/00, p.76). Comment using constructs from the psychology of religion course.
6. Basing yourself on theories discussed in class and on your reading and reflections discuss the relationship of the Church to the contemporary Maltese mediascape.