

UNIVERSITY OF MALTA

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FDT1010 – CHRISTIAN THOUGHT AND PRACTICE

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Time: 10.30 – 12.30p.m.

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**To Answer TWO Questions.**

1. Augustine is known as the father of Western Theology. What actually earned him this title? Highlight his major contributions to the shaping of theology in his time.
2. Christianity originated from the reconciliation between the Faith of Judaism and the Reason of Greek philosophy. Since then the relationship between Faith and Reason has resulted also as one of conflict, indeed of opposition. Explain.
3. Thomas Aquinas has crystallized in his days the ‘settlement’ of Theology and its being grounded in Philosophy. What is it that mostly characterizes his time and his theology?
4. The Reformation was a major challenge to Christianity from within, bringing along, amongst other things, the fragmentation of theology. Comment.
5. The Enlightenment philosophy radically transformed the historical framework within which theology was constructed. Outline some of the positive and negative challenges that this posed to theology and to Christianity in particular.
6. Give an outline of the most important issues to which the Council of Trent was meant to respond at the time.
7. The Second Vatican Council can still be hailed as the major event Christianity went through in the 20th Century. Explain why.
8. From your initial studies in Theology, what are your impressions on the role and task of Theology today?