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B.A. THEOLOGY & HUMAN STUDIES COURSE

FDT3010 PAPER I

Monday 20 June 2005

9.00a.m. – 12.00noon

Answer **THREE** questions, choosing at least **ONE** from **each section**.

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

Section A

1. Prophets are God's messengers. They speak on his behalf because he spoke to them. How do the prophets describe their experience of God and what are its consequences on them? You can illustrate this by referring to one prophet.
2. How would Paul's emphasis on the fundamentality of the Resurrection of Christ Jesus for Christian faith be justified within the apostle's theology of the cross?
3. The Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation of Vatican II lays down the main principles for interpreting Holy Scripture. What are these principles and how would you apply them to practical texts from Scripture.
4. If the books of the Bible represent the writing efforts of many different persons, widely separated in time, what brought these writings together as they now exist? What excluded all other writings produced during this period? How is it that these books – and only these books - found their place in the collection?

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