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**FDT3160 Christian Anthropology**

**Thurs 1 June 2006**

**10.30 – 13.30**

Answer ONE question from EACH section.

*It is important that you answer each question on a different script, indicating clearly on the cover which section you are answering.*

**Section A**

1. According to the Christian faith, "man" is a spoken word destined to enter into dialogue with God. Elaborate.
2. What is peculiar to "Christian" anthropology in relation to "other" procedures of study on the human being.

**Section B**

3. The Christian can only boast of what he has received from God. Write a theological essay on grace highlighting God's gratuitousness in our life.
4. Against Pelagius, Augustine's theology of grace accentuates: (1) the inherent corruption of human nature because of sin, and (2) the necessity of the grace of Christ for man's salvation. What was exactly the issue between Augustine and Pelagius?
5. Aquinas' point of departure in his understanding of grace is that man is a creature called to communion with God and that as a consequence, has no other possibility to come to fulfilment outside this communion. Elaborate.

**Section C**

6. Elaborate upon the Church's teachings on eschatology as they have been presented from 1964 to the present day.
7. How would you present judgement, heaven, purgatory, hell and the resurrection of the body to a group of adolescents belonging to a Catholic group? During the course of the meeting they happen to ask you also about limbo. What would you tell them?
8. Compare and contrast various elements regarding the scriptural data on eschatology. How did Christians in the first six centuries of the Church's life and mission perceive "the things hoped for"? Discuss briefly.