

UNIVERSITY OF MALTA

Faculty of Theology

January-February Tests Session – 2010

FDT3670 – THE SACRAMENTS: THEOLOGICAL AND PASTORAL

Thursday, 4th February 2010

Time: 11.45 – 13.45

Answer ONE question from EACH section.
Use a different script for each section.

Section A

1. The Church, constituted as it is by Word and Sacrament, celebrates in the sacraments its most authentic actions. The “authenticity” of the seven sacraments of the Church derives from their institution. Elaborate.
2. The sacraments are “composite symbols” that have a history that pertains both to the Church as such, as well as to wider religious culture. Discuss.
3. The schools of Augustine and Thomas Aquinas have respectively given a particular contribution to the theology of the sacraments. Explain.

Section B

4. Write an essay on the theology of the sacrament of Marriage.
5. Elaborate upon the therapeutic dimension of sacramental grace and how this is celebrated in two of the sacramental gestures of Christ and the Church where this dimension is central.
6. Liturgy and life are inextricably bound together. Discuss with reference to the subject matter in the second half of the study-unit.