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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024

**SECOND YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS**

ECR 3251: RELIGION, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT

DATE: APRIL 2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Elucidate five characteristics of early Christian movement (5 Marks)
- b) Explain the benefits of Constantine's Edict of 313 A.D to the early Christian Church (5 Marks)
- c) Briefly discuss five prominent martyrs of the 1st and 2nd Century Christian persecution (3 Marks)
- d) What is the impact of technology in the contemporary Christianity? (4 Marks)
- e) Analyze direction followed by the early Christian leaders in approving books for Biblical inclusion (3 Marks)
- f) Elucidate the content of the Nicene Creed (4 Marks)
- g) What were the three Contributions of School of Alexandria? (3 Marks)
- h) Sacraments were essential spiritual rituals conducted by ordained priests of Medieval Christianity. Substantiate this statement by highlighting three Sacraments (3 Marks)



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QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the historical background to the origin of Christianity (10 Marks)
- b) The early church writings provide valuable insights into the beliefs, practices, and struggles of the early Christian community. Based on this truth, discuss various early church writings (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Christians were occasionally persecuted for their beliefs during the first two centuries. Based on this truth,

- a) Analyze five causes of imperial persecution (5 Marks)
- b) Evaluate the Christian persecution under emperors Marcus Aurelius and Septimius Severus (10 Marks)
- c) What forms of subtle persecution exist in the church today? (5 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Christians of the 2nd and 3rd centuries battled against heresies and corrupt doctrines within their own fold. Substantiate this argument (20 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Elucidate various reasons for the rapid spread of Christianity in the 3rd Century (5 Marks)
- b) Explain five factors that facilitate the spread of Christianity in the contemporary society (10 Marks)
- c) Give an analyses of the New Testament based on the New Testament Canon (5 Marks)





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