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THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR
OF EDUCATION ARTS

ECR 3300: ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTIANITY

DATE: JANUARY 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question *one* and any other *two* questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Briefly describe the background to the origin of Christianity (5 Marks)
- b) Explain three preparatory activities that Jesus went through before launching his mission on earth (3 Marks)
- c) Comment briefly on Christian Persecution under emperor Trajan (4 Marks)
- d) Explain three ways in which those who opposed the emperor were persecuted (3 Marks)
- e) Discuss the contents of the New Testament canon (4 Marks)
- f) Evaluate three stages of Christian monasticism (3 Marks)
- g) Analyze three Sacraments that were essential during the medieval period of Christianity (5 Marks)
- h) Explain three characteristics of school at Antioch (3 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Before appearing in physical form on the scene of history, Jesus Christ had existed in a different form earlier. Validate this using biblical truth (10 Marks)
- b) Describe the scope of Jesus' ministry on earth (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Analyze various characteristics of the early Christian movement (10 Marks)
- b) The early church went through a period of fierce persecution. Elaborate on the causes of persecution (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Evaluate the benefits of Constantine's edict of 313 A.D (10 Marks)
- b) Analyze various Christian martyrs during persecution of the early church (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Christians of the second and third centuries battled not only against a persecuting heathen world, but also against heresies and corrupt doctrines within their own fold. Discuss various sects of that period (10 Marks)
- b) Several Christian Communities Created creeds to help define and defend Christian doctrine. Discuss their content (10 Marks)