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NTPT570 PASTORAL CARE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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LECTURER: Dr. Mazvita Machinga

DURATION: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet.
2. Answer one question in section A
3. Answer 2 questions in section B.
4. Begin your answer for each question on a new page.
5. Each question is worth a total of **20** marks.
6. Credit will be given for neat, well-written and lucid work.

Section A: Answer one question

- 1) Families are multifaceted networks of reciprocal relationships and alliances that affect each other. Using a genogram of your family show the various patterns, relationships and themes emerging. Evaluate how these have impacted your character as a pastor.
- 2) The family is a social system that has complex network of relationships, interactions and patterns of influence. Discuss the eight concepts of Bowen Family Systems Theory and why these are important ways of assessing the state of a family or couple relationship.

Section B: Answer two questions

- 1) Mr Chapa (47) and Mrs Chapa (40) present for help to the pastor with their daughter Michelle (12) who has a history of falling whenever she is at school. The family has also recently moved, and Michelle will be entering a new high school. The family spends some time animatedly describing recent events in their lives that they believe have deepened Michelle's problem. Assess what is happening in this family and as a pastor how will you help this family.
- 2) Using the stages of the family life cycle, explain how roles and responsibilities change throughout the family life cycle and outline the goals of counseling in each of the stages of the family life cycle
- 3) Christian doctrine entails certain definite presuppositions and conditions which the Church ought to make clear in its teaching about marriage. Using your own faith background, critically analyze some of the doctrines offering a theological reflection.
- 4) Compare and contrast the marriage of the Old and New Testaments, identifying the demerits and merits when you look at the current concepts of marriage and family counseling.

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