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TPT 508 Major Themes in Contemporary Pastoral Care and Counselling

END OF SEMESTER 2 EXAMINATIONS

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Answer One Question

- 1) Prattis (2011:39) refers to symbols and metaphors as 'communication vehicles' that operate as pointers to the unknown. Discuss how Jesus the Christ used metaphors during his earthly ministry and how this is applicable in addressing a major theme of your choice in pastoral care ministry. Apply three metaphorical ways God is understood in the Shona culture and how this strengthens coping skills during a major pastoral care and counseling theme.
- 2) In *The Parable of the Good Samaritan*, scripture orients us to the task of human concern for another which is the essence of compassion. How would you use Jesus's spiritual path of compassion as a guide in addressing a major theme that is disturbing your church in the 21st Century? Providing examples, outline and evaluate how your church is doing in terms of practicing compassion in a hurting world.
- 3) Spirituality and Pastoral Care are important aspects at end of life. Considering this, outline the principles, practices and guidelines of palliative care and bereavement and identify lessons that the church can take from palliative care. Using your knowledge of the six functions of pastoral care, formulate a model for sustained pastoral care of handling various grief circumstances that has been brought through a natural disaster such as cyclone Idai.

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