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**TPT508 MAJOR THEMES IN CONTEMPORARY PASTORAL CARE AND
COUNSELLING**

END OF SEMESTER 2 EXAMINATIONS

MAY/JUNE 2020

LECTURER: Dr Mazvita Machinga

DURATION: 48 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do not write your name on the answer sheet.
2. Answer **ONE** question.
3. Each question carries 100 marks
4. Credit is given for neat, well written and lucid work.

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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. African communities are known for their utilization of symbols and metaphors to point to transcendental reality.
 - a) Explain how Jesus Christ used metaphors during his earthly ministry. [30]
 - b) Show how Jesus' use of metaphors may be applicable to addressing a major theme of your choice in the pastoral care ministry. [30]
 - c) Discuss three ways in which an African community you have studied for this paper understands God through symbols and metaphors, and how this metaphoric understanding of God strengthens coping skills during crisis situations in that community. [40]
- 2) In *The Parable of the Good Samaritan*, Scripture orients us to the task of a human being's concern for another, which is the essence of compassion.
 - a) 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? [50]
 - b) Providing examples, evaluate how your church is doing in terms of practicing compassion in a hurting world. [50]
- 3) Spirituality and Pastoral Care are important aspects at the end of life.
 - a) Give a critical summary of the principles, practices and guidelines of palliative care and bereavement you have studied for this paper. [30]
 - b) Come up with innovative ways in which your local church may practice palliative care. [30]
 - c) Using your knowledge of the six functions of pastoral care, formulate your own model for sustained pastoral care of handling various grief circumstances that arose through a natural disaster such as cyclone Idai. [40]

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