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**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES, THEOLOGY &
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INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

TCH211 EARLY CHURCH HISTORY

END OF SECOND SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 48 HRS

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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1. In the New Testament, we find the origins of the church as well as the beliefs and practices of the early church.
 - a) With reference to relevant books in the New Testament, give a critical summary of the beliefs, which you think resulted in the birth of the church. **[30]**
 - b) With reference to the book of Acts, give a critical summary of the main practices of the early church elaborating on those practices that have persisted to the present day. **[30]**
 - c) With the aid of examples highlight and discuss any part of the course that you have found useful for your understanding of your church's beliefs and practices. **[40]**
2. 'The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the faith'.
 - a) With reference to the book of Acts and other relevant books of the New Testament, examine the reasons for the persecution of the early church. **[30]**
 - b) Give your understanding of how the 'blood of the martyrs became the seed of faith' during the period between 33 CE to 100CE. **[30]**
 - c) Discuss the meaning of the statement: 'The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the faith', in the light of the experience of persecution of the church in North Africa during the 3rd century CE, and the light of the rise of the contemporary experience of the gospel of prosperity today. **[40]**
3. From the birth of the church to the present, Christians have convened councils to discuss various issues affecting the Christian faith.
 - a) Examine the circumstances leading up to the council of Chalcedon in 451CE. **[40]**
 - b) Evaluate the relevance of the decisions and conclusions of the council of Chalcedon in 451CE to your situation and context. **[60]**

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