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NTCH212 MEDIEVAL CHURCH HISTORY

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

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LECTURER: Mrs M. Chinyadza

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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1. Within church circles, it is very easy to label as heretics, some people with views different from the majority. Some of the ideas may later be accepted as correct at a later stage. This was probably the case with early reformers, Jan Hus, John Wycliffe and Girolamo Savonarola who were labeled as heretics and were executed as such.
 - a) Give a critical summary of the main ideas of Huss, Wycliffe and Savonarola. [20]
 - b) Examine the reasons why the church regarded Huss, Wycliffe and Savonarola as heretics and state whether in your opinion, the church judged them correctly. [40]
 - c) Think of one theological difference that might occur in your church and explain how you would consider those with opinions different from yours. [40]
2. First Council of Nicaea (325) and First Council of Constantinople (381) dealt with the theology of the Trinity. More ecumenical councils followed immediately. Three ecumenical councils, which convened immediately after the first two mentioned above are the First Council of Ephesus (431), the Council of Chalcedon (451) and Second Council of Constantinople (553).
 - a) Give a critical summary of the deliberations at the latter three councils mentioned above. [20]
 - b) From your summary in a) above isolate what you would consider as the main theological issue from the three ecumenical councils and discuss its importance to the development of the theology of the Christian faith. [40]
 - c) What position would you take on this theological issue and why? [40]
3. Women during the medieval period faced several challenges within the church.
 - a) Give an analysis of the challenges women faced during medieval period with special reference to Joan of Arc and Catherine of Sienna. [30]
 - b) Give a critical comparison of the challenges women faced in the church during the medieval period and those that women in the church face today. [30]
 - c) From your answer in b) above, come up with innovative ways with which you may enhance the position of women in your local church today. [40]

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