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END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 48 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do not write your name on the answer sheet.

2. Answer ONE questions.

3. Each question carries 100 marks

4. Credit is given for neat, well written and lucid work.

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1. The United Methodist leaders in Mutare gathered to discuss the significance of the church in the society.
   a) Summarise a theory or approach that best captures the relationship between the Church and Society; **(20 marks)**
   b) With the aid of relevant examples, elaborate on your contribution to the discussion on the significance of your local church to the surrounding community and society, in general. **(80 marks)**

2. Both the state and the church have social responsibilities.
   a) Briefly describe your understanding of the term 'social responsibility' **(20 marks)**
   b) Analyse how the church and the government are co-operating in order to address the problems of hunger and poverty in your country. **(40 marks)**
   c) As a church leader, discuss practical ways that you would employ to promote the co-operation of the church and the government in fulfilling the social responsibility mandate. **(40 marks)**

3. It is now common to hear people saying, "Jesus said, 'Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am in their midst,' (cf. Matt. 18:20), but now we say, 'Where two or three are gathered in the church, politics is in their midst."
   a) Discuss your understanding and use of the term politics within church circles. **(20 marks)**
   b) How would you characterize the interactions between the various members and groups in your local community? For each characteristic, show how politics is playing a part. **(30 marks)**
   c) With the aid of examples, explain why it is necessary to integrate church and politics in your society. **(50 Marks)**

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