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COURSE TITLE: ETHICS AND CHRISTIAN VALUES

END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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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. Assume Chipo is a Black African Christian young woman who is rated the world's best athlete. She is about to complete the 400m race during the Final Olympics Athletic games. Chipo stops running in order to assist her fellow athlete, Susan who is a White-American young woman (hypothetically speaking) who has fallen down and has sustained serious injuries. Because of this brief stop in order to assist her fellow athlete, Chipo finally finishes the race in second position:
 - a) From the perspective of Jesus' ethics of the Kingdom of God give an assessment of Chipo's moral behavior during the race. **[20 Marks]**
 - b) Assess Chipo's moral action during the race using
 - i. one consequentialist western ethical theory; **[20 Marks]**
 - ii. one non-consequentialist western ethical theory; **[20 Marks]**
 - iii. one ethical theory of responsibility; **[20 Marks]**
 - iv. relevant aspects of African ethics. **[20 Marks]**
2. Answer **EITHER** a) **OR** b)
 - a) Assume Betty is a widow with five children. She finds it difficult to raise her children on her own. She turns to commercial sex work in order to get extra income. The children do not know the truth about their mother's new profession. Betty tells them that she works on night shifts in a nearby factory. The new job makes it possible for Betty to cover her family needs that include rent, food and school fees. Her children are very happy about the changes in the home. After some time, Betty discovers that she is now HIV positive. Make a critical assessment of Betty's actions given above from the following ethical and, or, ethical perspectives:
 - i. Utilitarianism **[20 marks]**
 - ii. Kantianism **[20 marks]**
 - iii. Situation ethics **[20 marks]**
 - iv. Christian ethics **[20 marks]**
 - v. African ethics **[20 marks]**
 - b) Recent research, especially in South Africa, has focused on the 'Blessers-Blessee' phenomenon in most urban cities in Africa (see Varjavandi (2017); Youth Research Unit Bureau of Market Research of South Africa 2018 Report; Mampane, 2018; Mavhandu-Mudzusi, 2019; and Jonas, 2019). Allegedly, the phenomenon has spread to several institutions of higher learning across Africa. "Blessers" are described as wealthy married adult men who engage in sexual relations with both married and unmarried women in exchange for material goods like money, cellphones, and laptops, among other goods. Pass moral judgement on the behavior of the 'blessers' using the following:
 - i. Two relevant moral teachings drawn from the Bible. **[20 Marks]**
 - ii. Two relevant ethical approaches to human sexuality. **[20 Marks]**
 - iii. Any two leadership values. **[20 Marks]**
 - iv. Any two Western ethical theories. **[20 Marks]**
 - v. African Ethics. **[20 Marks]**

3. Assuming that, the Ministry of Environment of one Southern African country passed a new environmental management law stating that it is an offense for any company to dump industrial waste in the rivers. The ministry took this position because the water pollution caused, especially by the industrial waste was a health hazard to the people who depended on the water for their well-being. After the law was passed, a manufacturing company, Mwala Company (not real name) that was dumping its waste in the Rubab River chose to break the law in part because complying with the regulations was going to cut deep into the company's profit margins. In order to avoid prosecution, the CEO of the company, Mrs. Freeman (not a real name), made a secret deal with Mr. Ross, the head of the Environment and Management Agency (EMA), the body that enforces environmental laws. In this deal, the company agreed to pay Mr. Ross (not a real name) the sum of \$800.00 a month on condition that EMA overlooks the company's illegal activities. Mr. Ross is Mrs. Freeman's brother in-law. In closing the deal, the two agreed that every month Mrs. Freeman would get \$200.00 of the \$800.00 that Mr. Ross was going to receive from the company.
- a) Identify two moral issues that are raised in the above-mentioned case study and explore their impact on the community. **[25 marks]**
 - b) Discuss in detail how the Bible can be used to argue that both Mr. Ross and Mrs. Freeman's actions are unethical. **[25 marks]**
 - c) Use one consequentialist western ethical theory to pass moral judgement on Mr. Ross's behavior as a leader. **[25 marks]**
 - d) Use one non-consequentialist western ethical theory to pass moral judgement on Mrs. Freeman's behavior as a leader. **[25 marks]**

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