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**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES AND
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NTPT 573: THE CARE OF WOMEN

END OF SEMESTER 1 EXAMINATIONS

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet.
2. Answer One Question
3. Credit will be given for neat, well-written and lucid work.

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Answer One Question

1. Christie Cozad Neuger is well known for offering a comprehensive framework for a radical, effective, and empowering model for care and counseling of women.
 - a) Give a critical summary of your understanding of Neuger's insistence that pastors take up a feminist's approach to counselling especially considering all the changes in the social structures that feminism has engendered. **[30]**
 - b) Discuss the implication of Christi Cozad Neuger's model for the African Church highlighting challenges and opportunities. **[30]**
 - c) Examine ways in which an understanding of Neuger's narrative psychotherapy framework aids pastoral counselors "to help women resist and transform negative effects of a woman-unfriendly culture." **[40]**
2. The general perception among most African scholars is that Mercy Amba Oduyoye and Isabel Phiri are feminist theologians and leaders in the ecumenical movement, who have arguably worked tirelessly to ensure that women's voices and concerns have been heard amid momentous changes in the African Society.
 - a) Give a critical analysis Oduyoye's argument that culture can provide women their communal identity and sense of belonging, while at the same time it can be manipulated and used as a tool of domination. **[30]**
 - b) Giving practical examples from your church, assess the validity of Isabel Phiri's argument that black theology cannot be a liberation theology if it does not take the liberation of women serious. **[30]**
 - c) Using that data you collected from your interviews of women during the semester, examine the images that women attributed to God and summarize the role of God in the lives of women's personal pilgrimages and in the process show how this informs your pastoral care strategies. **[40]**
3. Some authors have claimed that when we speak of and theorize about women as is done by the womanist and, or, feminist movement, we run the risk of exclusion and false generalization. Thus, practical theological inquiry takes cognizance of a variety of the lived experiences of people as starting points of inquiry.
 - a) In the light of the above assertions, analyze any possibilities of how your church, through agreed social principles, can address the issues of exclusion and false generalizing in its beliefs and practices in a satisfactory way. **[30]**
 - b) Examine the extent to which it makes sense to talk about 'African feminism in all its dimensions and facets. **[30]**
 - c) Assuming you take, as practical theologians do, human persons and their experiences in context as starting points for theological inquiry, give a critical analysis of how women's experiences can inform the church on best practices of the care of women. **[40]**

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