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NTST102 THEOLOGY 1

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 24 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Do not write your name on the answer sheet.
- 2. Answer **ONE** question.
- 3. Marks for each question are indicated.
- 4. Credit is given for neat, well written and lucid work.

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- 1. Theology and philosophy are inseparable disciplines:
 - a) Citing relevant examples, discuss the significance of the of use of philosophy to the study of theology [40]
 - b) Using a) above, analyse the task of theology to the contemporary church in your country. [60]
- 2. Assume you are talking with some leaders of the church you pastor. The topic of discussion is the concept of God's revelation:
 - a) Examine the general knowledge of God from the specific cultural context of your community of origin. [50]
 - b) Using your response to a) above, assume you are explaining to someone about the knowledge of God outside the scriptures, give an analytic description of the knowledge of God that would help him / her understand how God has made himself known to humanity. [50]
- 3. Imagine you came across a group of three members of the church you are pastoring and the subject of their discussion is about the characteristics of God. Among their comments you hear:

Jarudi: "Even after a long time of prayer and my thinking that God is near to hear and answer my prayer, I have never received any response from God I feel God is far away from us".

Muzani: My father who is a long time Christian always says, "God is far in heaven; from where he once a while responds to the needs of humanity". He will come to respond to your issue.

Jakobi: I think God is both near sand far at the same time. He is everywhere at the same time.

- a) Using the above conversation, discuss the nearness and farness of God who is at work in the welfare of humanity in all situations. [50]
- b) Based on your response on a) above, examine the concept of the distanced God in heaven as find it in the Lord 's Prayer. [50]