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NTPT309 UMC POLITY AND DOCTRINE

APRIL-MAY 2024 EXAMINATIONS

LECTURER: REV. M. MUCHANYEREI

DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do not write your name on the answer sheet.
2. Answer **THREE** the questions only.
3. Answer question 1 in section A and any two other questions in section B
4. Each question carries 100 marks.
5. Credit is given for neat, well written and lucid work.

Section A: Compulsory

1. Drawing from the Wesleyan tradition write brief explanatory notes on the following terms
 - a) Doctrine about God [20]
 - b) The doctrine of human nature and salvation [20]
 - c) Doctrine about sacraments [20]
 - d) UMC social morality and charitable giving [20]
 - e) Ordained ministry and itinerancy [20]

Section B: Answer TWO questions ONLY from this section

2. 'The United Methodist Church (UMC) does not have a single leader but is governed by a structure that values both clergy and lay leadership.' Examine the validity of this assertion with reference to the organogram of the UMC and the overall UMC governance.
3. Discuss the possible origins of the Wesley quadrilateral and how its components are related.
4. 'The United Methodist Church functions through Boards and Committees.' Demonstrate your understanding of the membership and functions of any five boards or committees that operate at the local church level as per the Book of Discipline.
5. 'The United Methodist unity is anchored on connectionalism.' Explain the concept of 'connexion, or connectionalism' in the UMC citing its advantages and disadvantages in the church's polity today.
6. Discuss the Wesleyan way of living and its relevance in moulding a holistic Christian in the 21st century.

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