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**NTST205 THEOLOGY AND LAND PRAXIS I**

**APRIL-MAY 2024 EXAMINATIONS**

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**DURATION: 3 HOURS**

***INSTRUCTIONS***

1. Do not write your name on the answer sheet.
2. Answer **ONE** question from Section A and any **TWO** from Section B.
3. Each question carries 100 marks.
4. Credit is given for neat, well written and lucid work.



### Section A

#### Answer one question from this section

1. The Old Testament, particularly in Deuteronomy 28, portrays the view that for Israel success and prosperity in agriculture came from God.
  - a) Describe the spiritual and moral attitudes Israel was supposed to display to get divine blessings according to Deuteronomy 28. [40]
  - b) Assess the extent to which the belief portrayed in Deuteronomy 28 may be a major motivating factor for Christians today to achieve success and prosperity in Agriculture. [60]
2. Ethics is important in farming and food system.
  - a) Give your understanding of **agricultural ethics** and its importance [20]
  - b) Apply agricultural ethics in **two** of the following:
    - i. Food safety [40]
    - ii. Environment impacts [40]
    - iii. International trade [40]

### Section B

#### Answer two questions from this section

3. This season (October – December 2023 and January – April 2024) most Southern African Countries, including Zimbabwe are experiencing the effects of the Elnino induced drought. Some experts in the field are beginning to argue for the use of GMO products to alleviate the negative effects of drought.
  - a) From a theological and humanitarian perspective, justify why you **would or would not** encourage the adoption and consumption of GMO products. [40]
  - b) Suggest strategies that farmers may employ to minimize the negative effects of droughts in future. [60]
4. Conservation farming (Pfumvudza) is commonly regarded as “Farming God’s way”.
  - a) Explain why this farming system is regarded as ‘farming God’s way’ [20]
  - b) Discuss the perceived benefits associated with this farming system that resulted in its rapid adoption by the Zimbabwean farming community. [40]
  - c) Examine some challenges related to the full implementation of this farming system in your community. [40]
5. Proper environmental management contributes immensely to food security in any economy
  - a) To what extend do Christians today deviate from the environmental ethics prescribed in the book of Genesis chapter 1? [50]
  - b) Discuss the major causes of food insecurity in most African economies. [50]
6. Success in crop production is based on good managerial decision making.
  - a) Explain in detail why mixed cropping is very popular among small holder farmers. [30]
  - b) Demonstrate your understanding of key crop production decisions that any farmer should make in order to achieve maximum crop yields. [70]

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