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NTCS 601 ANALYSIS OF SELECTED AUTHORS AND TEXTS IN CHRISTIAN ETHICS

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. Credit will be given for neat, well-written and lucid work.

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- 1. In the book *Christ and Culture*, H. Richard Niebuhr uses five models to represent how Christian theologians and the Christian church have understood the relationship between Christ and culture in history.
 - a) Summarize the main argument of H. Richard Niebuhr's book *Christ and Culture*? [20]
 - b) Select one model that makes the most sense to you, analyze the model in detail paying particular attention to the use of the Bible, Christian tradition and other scholars the author uses to support his argument. [40]
 - c) Using specific examples, discuss how Niebuhr's book can contribute to the ongoing discussion about the relationship between Christ and culture that is taking place in Africa among African Christians today. [40]
- 2. Katongole is one author who has wrote extensively on Christian Ethics and one of the books he wrote is *Sacrifice of Africa*.
 - a) Summarize the main argument of Katongole's book the Sacrifice of Africa? [20]
 - b) Discuss how the following characters advance Katongoles's argument in the book the *Sacrifice of Africa*.
 - i. Thomas Sankara
 - ii. Okonkwo
 - iii. **EITHER** Bishop Taban of Sudan <u>OR</u> Mary Barankitse of Burundi <u>OR</u> Angelina Atyam of Uganda. [40]
 - c) Discuss the significance and relevance of two of the following themes in the book the Sacrifice of Africa;
 - i. Revolutionary madness,
 - ii. Reticence of Christianity
 - iii. The ghost of Leopold

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- 3. Orobator (2011) in an article titled "Ethics brewed in an African pot," identifies life and community as the fundamental principles of African ethics.
 - a) From an assessment of the content, analyse the suitability of the title of Orobator's article. [30]
 - b) Critique the use of African scholars, the Bible, Christian doctrines and metaphors by E. Orobator in the article above and Katongole in the book *The Sacrifice of Africa*." [30]
 - c) Using specific examples, discuss how the principles of life and community can be upheld in a community that you know very well. [40]

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