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NTPT608 HISTORY OF REVIVALS IN AFRICA

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. Each question carries 100 marks
4. Credit is given for neat, well written and lucid work.

1. In his book *The Logic of Evangelism* (1989), William J. Abraham lifts the ministry of evangelism as essential and an “enduring obligation of the church in every culture and every generation.” For Abraham, evangelism exists only to gather, to establish and to ground people in the kingdom of God marked by acts of love, mercy and justice.
 - a) With reference to relevant biblical references, give a critical articulation of a biblical rationale for the local church in a city to engage in the ministry of evangelism. **[30]**
 - b) Give a critical theological rationale for a ministry of evangelism that embraces both the proclamation and social actions of the gospel. **[30]**
 - c) With reference to a local church you have studied for this paper, examine the ministry of evangelism in relation to the *missio dei*. **[40]**

2. ‘To talk of heathens in Africa, or, of the Dark Continent, or, of the African people as living in darkness, was synonymous with the idea that Africans were people without culture or civilization’ (Kurewa, 1997, p. 39).
 - a) With reference to critical scholarship you studied for this paper, give a critical appraisal of the Western missionaries’ ‘encounter with difference’ when they brought the Gospel to Africa. **[30]**
 - b) Examine John Wesley’s observation that Europeans did not bring civilization where there was not any, civilisation was already there in Africa. **[30]**
 - c) With reference to concrete examples, assess the extent to which Western missionaries’ refusal to acknowledge what John Wesley referred to as the ‘dignity and civilization of [West] Africa’ may have been the major contributory factor for their slow and difficult evangelisation of Africa. **[40]**

3. ‘Our first task in approaching another people, another culture, another religion, is to take off our shoes, for the place we are approaching is holy. Else, we may find ourselves treading on [people’s] dreams. More seriously still, we may forget that God was here before our arrival (Max Warren 1904-1977).
 - a) Give a critical summary of the concerns raised in the quotation above and their implications for evangelism in a cultural context that is not one’s own. **[30]**
 - b) Examine John Wesley’s observation that Europeans did not bring civilization where there was not any, civilisation was already there in Africa. **[30]**
 - c) With reference to critical scholarship you studied for this paper, discuss the challenges associated with doing evangelism in a world that is one global village. **[40]**

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