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NTST305 AFRICAN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY

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

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- 1. Christian theology in Africa has evolved due to a number of factors into what many scholars generally call 'African Christian theology'.
 - a) Give a critical summary of your understanding of what African Christian theology is. [20]
 - b) Explain how any <u>four</u> of the following factors contributed to the development of African Christian Theology:
 - i. Pan Africanism
 - ii. The Negritude Movement
 - iii. The All Africa Conference of Churches
 - iv. African Nationalism
 - v. The Black Consciousness Movement.

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- c) With reference to specific examples from a community that you know very well, discuss what you consider to be the task of African Christian theology in Africa that is dealing with the COVID 19 pandemic. [40]
- 2. Different circumstances and, or, contexts call for a relevant theology that speaks to the circumstances and, or, context.
 - a) With the aid of views of scholars and relevant biblical texts, discuss your understanding of each of the theologies listed below highlighting the reasons for their development:
 - i. African Women's Theology;
 - ii. African Liberation Theology;
 - iii. Reconstruction Theology;
 - iv. Inculturation Theology.

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- b) With reference to scholar and relevant biblical texts, assess the relevance of **each** of the above theologies to a community that you know very well that is dealing with the COVID 19 pandemic. [60]
- 3. The Africa Union invited several stakeholders including churches in Africa to contribute towards the realization of the *Africa Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want*.
 - a) With the aid of views of scholars and relevant biblical texts, suggest an African theological approach that you consider to be the most relevant and suitable for the above task. Give reasons for your choice. [40]
 - b) Focusing on the seven aspirations and goals of this Agenda, discuss in detail why and how the church that you belong to can contribute towards the realization of the *Africa Agenda 2063* in a practical way. [60]

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