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END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 5 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. New Testament studies cannot be complete without studying the life, ministry and writings of Paul.
 - a) Attempt a reconstruction of Paul's life up to his conversion. **[50]**
 - b) Analyze Paul's teaching on justification by faith in his letter to the Galatians and show whether the teaching is still important to Christians today. **[50]**
2. The practice of always treating the letters of Paul as occasional and not as circular letters when interpreting them is important.
 - a) Discuss the circumstances behind the writing of 1Thessalonians. **[50]**
 - b) Examine how the socio-cultural background of Corinth might have influenced the problems faced by Christians at Corinth. **[50]**
3. The letters of Paul can be a solution to the contemporary problems faced in Africa.
 - a) With reference to any four problems that affected the church at Corinth, assess the extent to which the solutions given by Paul may serve also as solutions to some of the problems in our contemporary societies. **[50]**
 - b) **EITHER** examine how Paul's letter to Philemon can be a model in issues of forgiveness and reconciliation **OR** delineate the applicability of Romans 13:1-7 in relationship to the governments of our time. **[50]**

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