



*"Investing in Africa's Future"*

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**END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

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**DURATION: 5 HOURS**

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***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. Discussions on New Testament interpretation in the light of contemporary or emerging themes assume that the New Testament can speak to all people, everywhere and at all times. That is, it can speak for posterity.
  - a) Give a critical summary of scholarly views regarding the relevance of the New Testament to unpacking contemporary issues. [40]
  - b) With reference to your declared social location, provide your own interpretation of the New Testament that may serve as a solution to an identified contemporary challenge in your community today. [60]
2. A number of New Testament scholars, especially with a feminist interpretative orientation have pointed to the causal relationship between certain masculinities and gender based violence.
  - a) Assess the extent to which there may be a causal relationship between masculinity or masculinities existing in your culture and the promotion of gender-based violence in your community today. [40]
  - b) With reference to your declared social location, interpret some specific New Testament texts or themes for gender-based violence mitigation in Christian communities. [60]
3. Mainline churches in Zimbabwe and elsewhere in Africa either have been divided or are at the verge of division because of opposing views on same sex practices.
  - a) Give a critique of how any two scholars have interpreted specific New Testament texts either for or against same sex practices. [40]
  - b) With reference to your declared social location, provide your own interpretation of the New Testament that may serve as a guide to a church torn by debates on same sex practices. [60]

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