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END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper contains **TWO** sections (Section A and Section B).
2. Section A is **COMPULSORY**.
3. Answer **ANY TWO (2) questions** from Section B.
4. Start each question on a new page in your booklet.
5. Credit will be awarded for logical, systematic and neat presentation
6. Do not repeat material.

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

INSTRUCTION: *Answer Question 1.*

Question One.

Using relevant biblical and theological resources assess the view that the church's role in society is to focus on a spiritual realm that does not connect with everyday political decision making in the nation except through intercessory prayer. **[40 marks]**

SECTION B

INSTRUCTION: *Answer ANY TWO (2) questions.*

Question Two

Discuss in detail the strengths and weaknesses of any one of the following approaches that the church in Africa is using to effect social change in society.

- a. Spiritual paradigm
- b. Social paradigm
- c. Political paradigm.

[30 marks]

Question Three

According to Jean-Marc Ela (1995) a church that is working towards inventing a new future in Africa must live and minister out of a "practical theology of relocation and marginality." Use examples from Africa to demonstrate your understanding of what Ela means by a 'practical theology of relocation and marginality.' **[30 marks]**

Question Four

Select **three (3)** of the paired terms listed below and proceed to discuss the similarities and differences between the paired terms and their relevance to political ethics.

- a. Government and State
- b. Democracy and Civil Society
- c. City of God and City of Men
- d. Politics and Political power
- e. Power and Authority

[30 marks]

Question Five

Analyze church-state relations that are prevailing in an African country of your choice with reference to models of church –state relations in Africa that you studied in this course.

[30 marks]

Question Six

According to Thomas Sankara cited by Katongole (2011), “You cannot carry out foundational change without a certain amount of madness.” Demonstrate your understanding of what Sankara means by revolutionary madness and proceed to discuss the relevance of Sankara’s leadership to church and political ethics in Africa.

[30marks]

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