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NTCS501 METHODS IN THE STUDY OF CHRISTIAN ETHICS

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 5 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do not write your name on the answer sheet.
2. Choose One One question
3. Each question will carry a total of 100 marks
4. Credit is given for neat, well written and lucid work.

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1. Christian liberation ethics is grounded in liberation theology, especially as it was articulated by Gustavo Gutierrez (1973). Ngwane (1994) defined liberation theology as Christian reflection and discourse executed with the aid of critical social and human scientific tools from the perspective of the poor/oppressed. Select one specific moral issue that is of concern to you in a community that you know very well and proceed to;
 - a) With reference to relevant biblical texts, discuss the place of the poor or the oppressed in the methodology of Christian liberation ethics. **[40]**
 - b) Demonstrate with the aid of examples how liberation theology methodology articulated by Leonardo and Clodovis Boff (1989) can be used to analyze the moral issue that you have selected. **[60]**

2. Orobator (2011) in an article titled “Ethics brewed in an African pot,” identifies life and community as the fundamental principles of African ethics.” Select one specific moral issue that is of concern to you in a community that you know very well and proceed to;
 - a) Explain the two [2] concepts, ‘moral issue’ and ‘African ethics’. **[40]**
 - b) Give, with moral justification, concrete responses to the moral issue that will ensure that the fundamental principles of African ethics are upheld in the community. **[60]**

3. L. Kretzschmar (2009: 16) defines ethics as a critical reflection on the moral norms, values and behaviour of individuals and societies in order to assess their validity. He goes on to say that ethics is an analysis of and deliberate reflection on moral judgements, actions and life style. Select one specific moral issue that is of concern to you in a community that you know very well and then proceed to;
 - a) Explain what a moral issue is. **[20]**
 - b) Use any one Deontological theory that you studied in this course to analyze the moral issue that you selected and in the process clearly state the criterion used to determine what is right or good in this theory. **[40]**
 - c) Use any one Teleological theory that you studied in this course to analyze in detail the moral issue that you selected and in the process clearly state the criterion used to determine what is right or good in this theory. **[40]**

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