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NTCS509 ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS 1

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. Assume the national government of your country has invited you as a representative of the church to contribute a Christian theological view on how to address the need to care for the environment.
 - (a) With reference to relevant textual evidence from both the Old and New Testaments, draft critical comments you would provide as part of your presentation on the role that biblical ethics may play in environmental conservation [40]
 - (b) Critique any one model for environmental preservation you have studied for this paper and come up with your own model for environmental conservation that takes into account the role of biblical ethics you reflected on in (a) above. [60]
2. Environmental ethicists have debated the role of human beings in environmental pollution and degradation caused by human economic pursuits and changing human lifestyles.
 - (a) As a Christian scholar and environmental ethicist how would critique any one view of environmental ethics that either identifies nature with God or that sees nature as something to be exploited especially for economic reasons. [50]
 - (a) Examine the importance of the theology of ‘human beings as God’s stewards over the natural environment’ in formulating an ethical model for preserving the natural environment. [50]
3. Church leaders, either as individuals or as representatives of religious bodies, often write ‘pastoral letters’ commenting on issues for governments to consider. A number of them have written such ‘pastoral letters’ concerning the pollution and degradation of the natural environment, which governments have passed on to national environmental associations to consider the recommendations therein.
 - (a) **EITHER** examine the recommendations on the natural environmental conservation in one such ‘pastoral letter’ you have studied for this paper **OR** examine an ecological crisis in your country today that arose from the conflict between the human beings’ desire to meet some of their needs on one hand, and the scarcity of natural resources on the other hand. [40]
 - (b) From your evaluation of either the pastoral letter or the ecological crisis in (a) above, draft the essential points that you may recommend to your church leader for his/her pastoral letter on the issue of global warming and climate change. In your draft, give details of the practical steps your local community should take to address the issue of climate change. [60]

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