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**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES AND
EDUCATION**

**NTPT522: HISTORY AND METHODS IN THE STUDY OF
PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING**

END OF SEMESTER 1 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. In the gospels, we read about Jesus's response to human tragedy and crisis. Jesus's response to human tragedy and crisis has, to a large extent, informed the history of Pastoral Care and Counselling, its theological and biblical foundations
 - a) Using examples of the patterns and standards that Jesus set in the gospels, demonstrate how Pastoral Care and Counselling offered within and by the Church is grounded theologically on the life and ministry of Jesus. **[50]**
 - b) From your critical reflection of the gospels, imagine what Jesus' counsel to God's people in times of great tragedy would be and draw lessons from Jesus's responses and counsel to the people in crisis for the church today. **[50]**
2. Scholars proposed various methods of doing pastoral theology. Paul Tillich proposed a simple correctional approach of doing practical theology and pastoral care, from which other scholars such as Don Browning (1996; also cited in cited in Hermans & Schoeman, 2015), David Tracy (1983 also cited in Peters, 2018) and Rick Osmer (cited in Hermans & Schoeman, 2015) marked a point of departure.
 - a) Using examples from your context, contrast Tillich's simple correctional approach of doing practical theology and pastoral care with the approaches of any two of the scholars mentioned in the statement above. **[40]**
 - b) Assess the extent to which Browning's conception that Christian leaders are constantly doing practical theology and pastoral care through dialogue and conversation, may be applied to understanding how pastors are doing practical theology and pastoral care during this COVID-19 era. **[60]**
3. Every church congregation encounters challenging situations, some general and others specific to each church. Using Rick Osmer (cited in Hermans & Schoeman, 2015)'s four tasks of practical theology.
 - a) Demonstrate how you would apply Osmer's four tasks of practical theology in your implementation of pastoral care in your context. **[50]**
 - b) Using the theological reflection – pastoral cycle method of pastoral care, assess one current pastoral care and counseling issue of your choice. **[50]**

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