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**NTPT626 ANALYTIC STUDY OF SELECTED AUTHORS AND TEXTS
IN 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. Literature opens our eyes to the world around us and allows us to see not only how we may view the world, but also to understand how others view it.
 - a) Using the analytical techniques you learned in class, examine one parable of Jesus that speaks to the discipline of pastoral care and counseling. **[40]**
 - b) From the analysis of the text in a) above, draw some strategies and lessons that can guide the church's practice of pastoral care today. **[60]**
2. Read the following abstract in the light of the literary criticism techniques and your understanding of the various ways of engaging texts and authors, which you learned in class and respond to the questions below:

The COVID-19 challenge is unprecedented. It has caused enormous trauma, disrupted economies, social life, mass transportation, work and employment, supply chains, leisure, sport, international relations, academic programmes; literally everything. Churches and religious communities have not been spared; they have been severely affected and, in all likelihood, permanently transformed by the pandemic. The pre-COVID-19 world is gone, replaced by a 'new normal'. The new landscape calls for both resilience and adaptation, embracing new ways of doing things and of being church. Churches must adapt; they must ask themselves questions about the implications for being church in this 'new normal' context. This article aims to explore the impact of the coronavirus on the mission and theology of the church.

- a) Formulate an argument to support why you think the call for papers for which the abstract was written, was calling for the importance of embracing new ways of doing things and of being church. **[40]**
 - b) Draft the various questions and issues that you think, as the author may address as far as pastoral care practices are concerned clearly highlighting what in your opinion would make the article thorough and useful in terms of promoting new forms of doing pastoral care during crisis times. **[60]**
3. During class, you read Lynch's article in which the author argues that understanding authorial intent, theme, motivation, tone and the language of a text are important components of the analytical study of texts and authors in the study of pastoral care and counseling.
 - a) Evaluate the quality, meaning, and significance of Lynch article in terms of new ways of doing pastoral care in an Africa setting. **[50]**
 - b) Examine areas in the article you would like Lynch to clarify and improve on giving reasons for the suggested improvements. **[50]**

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