



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES, and EDUCATION

COURSE CODE: NTST 205

COURSE TITLE: THEOLOGY AND LAND PRAXIS I

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 7 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do not write your name on the answer sheet.
2. Answer ONE question.
3. Each question carries 100 marks
4. Credit is given for neat, well written and lucid work.

1. In Zimbabwe's land reform program, Church farms were not acquired for redistribution to the landless masses of Zimbabwe, although the majority of such farms were underutilized.
 - a) From a critical reflection of relevant sections of the Bible, discuss whether or not it was wise for the churches to acquire large farms. [20]
 - b) Examine the possible reasons why the majority of church farms in Zimbabwe were underutilized. [40]
 - c) From both a political and theological point of view, examine the possible reasons why the Government of Zimbabwe decided not to redistribute church farms. [40]
2. The Zimbabwe government adopted the pfumvudza/conservation farming as a technology that local farmers should practice in order to achieve national food security.
 - a) Explain why 'pfumvudza' is sometimes termed "farming God's way". [30]
 - b) In your opinion, what may be some of the key principles that farmers should practice for the pfumvudza program to be successful? [30]
 - c) Imagine you have been asked by your Bishop to represent the church in a task force on impactful farming methods in your local community, write a detailed report you would present to your government comprising your theological evaluation of the 'pfumvudza' farming system and the recommendations you would give for your government to consider. [40]
3. Most African countries face serious challenges in balancing the need for increased crop production and the preservation of natural resources.
 - a) Give a critical summary of the challenges faced by your local community in balancing the need for increased crop production and the preservation of natural resources. [20]
 - b) Use the knowledge on the stewardship of creation that you acquired during this course to suggest some solutions that may address the challenges you identified in a) above. [40]
 - c) Provide a detailed account of how the knowledge acquired from this course would benefit the farming methods in your community. [40]

END OF EXAMINATION