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KIRIRI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

Date: 17th April, 2024
Time: 2.30pm-4.30pm

KRE 2100: INTRODUCTION TO CHURCH HISTORY

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain how the following elements prepared the coming of Christianity:
 - i. Judaism. (5 Marks)
 - ii. Greco-Roman world (5 Marks)
- b) Explain what caused the Great 1054 schism between the Church of East and the Church of the West. (5 Marks)
- c) Describe the factors that led to emergence of the Protestant Reformation. (5 Marks)
- d) Discuss the problems associated with the persecution in the early centuries of the growth and development of Christianity (6 Marks)
- e) Explain the value of studying Church History to the student of Christian Religious Education. (4 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) "Martin Luther is the central figure of the Protestant Reformation" Validate (6 Marks)
- b) Describe the major focus of the 18th Century Evangelical Revival. (6 Marks)
- c) "Just like during the Great Awakening in both America and Britain, the present-day church is in urgent need of spiritual awakening". Comment. (8 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Analyze both the political and ecclesiastical factors that led to the extreme powers of the Pope. (12 Marks)
- b) "The Roman Catholic Church has both doctrinal and liturgical elements borrowed from Roman culture and religion". With examples, Evaluate. (8 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) "The persecution of the church was meant to stamp out Christianity from the Roman Empire, however, the blood of the martyrs became the seed of the Church". Explain. (6 Marks)
- b) Explain how the persecution of the church led to Donatism and Novatianism movements (8 Marks)
- c) "Constantine the Great will forever be remembered for his contribution to the Christian church in its early history". Validate. (6 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) “Arianism was a big threat to the doctrine of the early church”. With respect to this statement respond to the following:
- i. The meaning of Arianism. (2 Marks)
 - ii. The conclusions of the Council of Nicaea in 325 on Arianism. (6 Marks)
- b) Explain what entails scholasticism in the study of church history. (4 Marks)
- c) Explore some of the contemporary heresies affecting the Christian doctrines and the practices of the modern church. (8 Marks)