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**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**  
**DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2006**

**TITLE OF PAPER** : **SELECT THEMES IN THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT**

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**TIME ALLOWED** : **THREE (3) HOURS**

**MARKS** : **100**

**INSTRUCTIONS** : **1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.**  
**2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

**THIS QUESTION PAPER MUST NOT BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.**

**QUESTION 1**

“Members of the Church in Jerusalem thought of themselves, and have been thought of by others, as a Jewish sect”. Explain the major features of the Jerusalem Church and show how these features affected the spread of the Gospel in the first century.

**QUESTION 2**

Explain how the following factors led to the growth of the Church:

- (a) Pax Romana
- (b) Diaspora Jews; and
- (c) Emperor Worship

**QUESTION 3**

“Constantine realized that only radical change of policy could restore the cohesion which had become so fragile: Christianity, which had hitherto been regarded as a danger to the state, was to be made its ideological foundation” (Pawlowsky, P. *Christianity*. SCM Press, 1994; p.34). Assess the impact of Constantine’s policies on the relationship between Church and State.

**QUESTION 4**

Examine the contribution of Arius to the development of Christian doctrine on the person of Christ.

**QUESTION 5**

Briefly discuss the origins and the theology of the Greek Orthodox Churches.

**QUESTION 6**

Critically discuss the Christian response to the advance of Islam into Palestine, Asia Minor, North Africa and parts of Spain.

**QUESTION 7**

Choose any TWO monks and discuss their contribution to the development of Christian monasticism.

**QUESTION 8**

- EITHER: (a) Comment on the factors that led to the English Reformation.  
OR: (b) Assess the achievements of the Council of Trent.

**QUESTION 9**

“The missionary movement required people whose personal religion had become effectively aligned with western culture to transmit the Christian message in non-western settings where assumptions that had shaped their religion did not apply” (*Walls A.F. The Missionary Movement in Christian History*. Orbis Books, 1996: page 84. Discuss the missionary attitudes to and interaction with African traditional beliefs, rituals and practices.

**QUESTION 10**

Examine the relationship between African traditional religions and Christianity in Swaziland, and explain the consequences of this relationship.