

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**  
**DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, APRIL/MAY 2009**

**TITLE OF PAPER : CHRISTIAN ETHICS**

**COURSE CODE : T2P2**

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

**MARKS : 100**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. CHOOSE AND ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.**
- 2. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 25 MARKS.**
- 3. BEGIN EACH QUESTION ON A FRESH PAGE.**
- 4. PARTS OF A QUESTION MAY BE ANSWERED ON THE SAME PAGE, ALLOWING FOR A SPACE OF THREE LINES IN BETWEEN.**
- 5. CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CLARITY, ACCURACY AND GOOD THEOLOGICAL INSIGHT.**

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**QUESTION ONE**

Discuss the major aspects of Ayn Rand's philosophy of objectivism. How does this philosophy differ from the traditional understanding of social responsibility?

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**QUESTION TWO**

What is the relationship between conscience and reason? How do Christians use these two sources of guidance in making moral decisions?

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**QUESTION THREE**

Briefly explain the following alternatives within Christian ethics:

- a. Situation ethics
- b. Evangelical ethics
- c. Theocentric ethics

Do these philosophies lead to the same conclusions about moral behaviour?

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**QUESTION FOUR**

Critically examine the Judeo-Christian tradition in relational to environmental ethics.

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**QUESTION FIVE**

*"Absolute morals have no place in personal relationships."*

With reference to Christianity and homosexuality, react to the above stimulus.

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**QUESTION SIX**

Compare St Paul's approach to ethical issues with that of Jesus. Enrich your discussion with well thought-out Biblical references.

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**QUESTION SEVEN**

What is the Just War theory? Demonstrate how either St Augustine or Thomas Aquinas justified the participation of Christians in war.

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**QUESTION EIGHT**

If you were to write a law regulating abortion in Swaziland, what would it be? Clearly state the arguments would you offer in support of this law?

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**THE END**

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