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MAIN EXAMINATION, MAY 2019

TITLE OF PAPER : PAUL AND THE LETTERS

COURSE CODE : TRS 408

DURATION : 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Choose and answer three (3) questions in all.
2. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.
3. The paper consists of three (3) printed pages including the cover page.
4. All questions carry equal marks.

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Question 1

What is the evidence that Paul may have written more letters than the ones that have been canonised? [20]

Question 2

Discuss the founding and the situation of the church in Philippi and Paul's response in the subsequent Letter to the Philippians. [20]

Question 3

Explain why household rules are emphasised in Paul's letters to the Colossians and Ephesians. [20]

Question 4

To what extent do you agree with Paul's thinking that celibacy puts one at an advantage in serving Christ? [20]

Question 5

Identify and discuss those developments that divided rather than unite the church in Corinth. [20]

Question 6

Attempt a critical reading of the given passage taken from Romans 8:31-39. [20]

³¹ What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; ³⁴ who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us?^[e] ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

"For thy sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
