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**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

Explain how best we can reconstruct the life of Paul using the Acts of the Apostles and the letters. [20]

Question 2

Can faithful Christians participate in traditional festivals and ceremonies? Support your answer with evidence from any book studied in this course. [20]

Question 3

In Paul's view, what makes faith in Jesus a necessary condition for salvation for all believers? [20]

Question 4

Do you think the present SARS-COV-2 pandemic is a tell-tell sign that the end of the world is drawing near? [20]

Question 5

In what ways does the author of Colossians correct certain heresies that were infiltrating the early church? [20]

Question 6

Attempt a critical reading of the given passage taken from Revelation 2: 18 -29. [20]

The Message to Thyatira

¹⁸“And to the angel of the church in Thyati’ra write: ‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze. ¹⁹“‘I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. ²⁰ But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jez’ebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and beguiling my servants to practice immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. ²¹ I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her immorality. ²² Behold, I will throw her on a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her doings; ²³ and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches shall know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you as your works deserve. ²⁴ But to the rest of you in Thyati’ra, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay upon you any other burden; ²⁵ only hold fast what you have, until I come. ²⁶ He who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, I will give him power over the nations, ²⁷ and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received power from my Father; ²⁸ and I will give him the morning star. ²⁹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’
