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Course Code : TRS 408  
Title of Paper : Paul and the Letters  
Duration : 2 (Two) Hours

Instructions:

- a. Answer three (3) questions.
- b. Your answer to each question must be structured and consistently focused on the subject matter at hand.
- c. Indicate on the front cover page of your answer script the name of your programme of study and whether you are studying full time or through the Institute of Distance Education.

**NB: All questions carry equal marks.**

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### Question 1

Would you agree with Paul's views on sexual minorities? Support your response with applicable textual evidence.

### Question 2

Explain what makes Paul's Letter to the Galatians one of the most important writings in the Christian community.

### Question 3

What have you to say of Paul's positions that "... the head of every man is Christ, the head of a woman is her husband, and the head of Christ is God" in view of gender relations?

### Question 4

Explain what made Martin Luther, the Reformer, to call James an "epistle of straw" and, what are your views on his position?

### Question 5

In what ways is the Revelation of John a form of political dissension and protest against Roman persecution in the first century CE?

### Question 6

Write a critical commentary of this extract taken from I Peter 1: 3 - 12.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, <sup>[a]</sup> though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable is tested by fire, may redound to praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> Without having seen <sup>[b]</sup> him you <sup>[c]</sup> love him; though you do not now see him you <sup>[d]</sup> believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. <sup>9</sup> As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls.

<sup>10</sup> The prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired about this salvation; <sup>11</sup> they inquired what person or time was indicated by the Spirit of Christ within them when predicting the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glory. <sup>12</sup> It was

revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things which have now been announced to you by those who preached the good news to you through the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

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