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END OF TRIMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF
THEOLOGY
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MODE OF STUDY:	ONLINE
UNIT TITLE:	BIBLE DOCTRINES 1
UNIT CODE:	BTH1113
INSTRUCTOR:	Dr. Joshua Rutere

TIME ALLOWED: 3HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- Section A is compulsory.
- Answer any TWO question in Section B.
- You are allowed to use the Bible.
- Once you have opened the exam you must complete within the allotted **time (3 hours)**
- Once you exit the exam you cannot return
- When the three-hour period elapses, the exam will automatically expire and cannot be recovered.

SECTION A: Answer ALL questions

1. Explain the meaning of inspiration as applied in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and 2 Peter 1:20-21 in relation to the authority and reliability of the Bible. (10 marks)

2Tim 3:16-17: ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God^[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2Pet 1:20-21: ²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2. Discuss the liberating nature of the cross of Jesus as a component of the doctrine of Christology. Give two examples to support your answers. (10 marks)

SECTION B: Answer ANY TWO questions

3. Discuss the role of contextual background for understanding the context titles that were used for Jesus. Give five biblical examples to support your arguments. (10 marks)
4. The doctrine of sin is foundational to Christian theology.
 - a) Explain the biblical definition of sin based on Romans 5:12 and James 4:17 (5 marks)
 - b) Discuss the role of Adam and Eve in shaping our understanding of humanity's fallen nature. (5 marks)

Rom 5:12: ¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

Jam 4:17: ¹⁷ If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

5. With reference to Ephesians 1:11, examine the tension between God's sovereignty and human free will from a theological perspective. (10 marks)

Ephesians 1:11 In him we were also chosen,^[a] having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,

6. Discuss the significance of John 1:14 and Philippians 2:6-8 for understanding the doctrine of the Incarnation as it relates to the mystery of Jesus being fully God and fully human. (10 marks)

John 1:14 ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Phil 2:6-8 ⁶ Who, being in very nature^[a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature^[b] of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!