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SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DIPLOMA IN
YOUTH MINISTRY**

DECEMBER 2018 EXAMINATIONS

CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: TRANSFORMATIONAL CHURCH & YOUTH LEADERSHIP

COURSE CODE: DYM106

COURSE TITLE: YOUTH/ADOLESCENT GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

EXAM DATE: WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER, 2018

TIME: 2:00 – 5:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- Write your **STUDENT NUMBER** in the Answer Booklet given.
- This paper has two sections with five questions in total.
- Answer **ALL** questions in SECTION A and **any two** questions from SECTION B

SECTION A: Answer ALL questions

1. In order to minister effectively to adolescents, we must understand what “makes them tick”.
 - a) Give a brief definition of *adolescence*. (2 marks)
 - b) Explain the *three* different orientations of adolescent development and give an example of each. (9 marks)
2. Adolescence is a stage of growth and development that is often misunderstood with negative consequences for the family and community.
 - a) List *three* factors that are contributing to the increasing duration of adolescence. (3 marks)
 - b) Describe *three* issues that explain the boy-child phenomena in adolescence. (3 marks)
 - c) Some adolescents may NOT come to church on Sunday but attend a party with friends during the weekend. State and discuss this marker of adolescence. (3 marks)
3. Spiritual formation assists the youth worker in ministering to young people.
 - a. Define spiritual formation and cite relevant Scriptures to support your answers. (4 marks)
 - b. List and explain *three* characteristics of spiritual formation. (6 marks)

SECTION B: Answer ANY TWO questions

4. Adolescents do not live in a vacuum and are influenced by the culture around them.
 - a) Briefly describe the concept of *culture* showing how it may apply differently to rural and urban youths. Give examples. (3 marks)
 - b) List and discuss four aspects of culture that are affecting African adolescents. Give examples to support your answers. (12 marks)
5. In youth ministry the concepts of identity, sexuality and mentorship are crucial. Explain how a youth worker can integrate these three concepts with spiritual formation. Give examples to support your answers. (15 marks)
6. *Faith development theories* are necessary in navigating the practicality of youth ministry in Africa.
 - a) Briefly discuss *three* different theories of faith development. (6 marks)
 - b) Pick one of the theories in (a) above and discuss its implications for emerging youth ministry in the African context. (9 marks)
7. Christian maturity is a process that may be compared to a journey, hence the phrase ‘a journey of faith’.
 - a) Using Ephesians 2:8-9 and 2 Peter 1:10 give your understanding of faith development. (3 marks)
 - b) List and explain four Christian practices of the Church that can nurture the faith of young people. (8 marks)
 - c) Citing two Scriptures, justify the role of parents as the primary nurturers of the faith of adolescents. Give examples to support your answers. (4 marks)