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CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

COURSE CODE: MDV603

COURSE TITLE: SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

EXAM DATE: TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2019

TIME: 5.30PM-8.30PM

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the questions carefully before you write the answers.
- Write your **STUDENT NUMBER** in the Answer Booklet given
- This paper has **Five** questions
- Answer **Three** questions. Question 1 is compulsory.
- *ALL PAC University's examination rules and regulations apply*

Section A: Answer ALL questions (20 marks)

1. The Synoptic Gospels are categorized in light of their overlap and the sharing of common sources, despite each having unique features.
 - a) Explain three general reasons why each writer wrote his gospel. (6 marks)
 - b) Articulate three distinct areas of the person Jesus Christ that the Synoptics agree upon. (6 marks)
 - c) Give the major sub-divisions which show the harmony of the synoptics stating their importance stating and underscoring the common denominator. (8 marks)

Section B: Answer ANY TWO questions (20 marks)

2. Mathew depicts Jesus Christ as the promised King and Messiah. Read Mathew 5:3-12 (The Sermon on the Mount) for key lessons and articulate each Beatitude to show the contradicting worldly value and God's reward. (10 marks)
3. The temptations of Jesus (Mathew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13 and Luke 4:1-13) address three specific parts or human needs. Narrate the three human needs and give the respective biblical solution to the needs. (10 marks)
4. Mark tells the story of Jesus Christ the Servant of God and the Miracle Worker whose major task was spreading the Gospel and redeeming people (see key verse Mark 10:45). Discuss the significance of the miracles in accomplishing this mandate. (10 marks)
5. The trial of Jesus (Mathew chapters 26 & 27, Mark 14 and Luke 23) had illegalities for Jesus was fully man and was also God. Explain Luke's theme of Jesus Christ the Saviour in light of his trial and verdict. (10 marks)