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RELI 212

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1ST SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

RELI 212: INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN HISTORY

STREAM:

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: FRIDAY [8.30-10.30 A.M]

DATE: 08/12/2023

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Instructions: answer question one and any other two

QUESTION ONE

- a) Define the following terms used in the study of Christian history
- i) Church History (2 mks)
 - ii) Nicean creed (2 mks)
 - iii) Greek Hellenization (2 mks)
 - iv) “Pax-Romana” (2 mks)
 - v) Ebionism (Ebionites) (2 mks)
- b) Describe **five** Socio-Political problems that faced the Early Christian Church as recorded in Acts of the Apostles. (10 mks)
- c) Outline **five** functions of the Holy Spirit in the early church according to the Acts of Apostles as well as the Gospel of John. (10 mks)

QUESTION TWO

Discuss the religion belief and practices of the early Church as recorded in the Acts of Apostles and the Gospel. (20 mks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) The political and economic policies of the imperial Roman government was instrumental in the spread of the early Christianity. Analyze this statement. (14 mks)
- b) State any **six** reasons for the rapid growth of the Christian church in Kenya. (6 mks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Highlight **four** reasons behind the rise and growth of monasticism in the early church. (8 mks)
- b) Describe the career of St. Pachomius (290-346AD) and his contributions to Monasticism. (12 mks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Outline Arius teachings on trinity and its effects in the early Church. (12 mks)
- b) Discuss the reasons responsible for the rise of cultic teachings (Such as Shakahola Incident) in Kenya today. (8 mks)



QUESTION SIX

- a) Discuss the basic teachings of Gnosticism **(12 mks)**
- b) Analyze the value and significance of studying Christian History to a University Student. **(8 mks)**

