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FIRST SEMESTER 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

RELI 212: INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN HISTORY

STREAM: BED ARTS

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: THURSDAY [11.30 A.M-13.30 P.M]

DATE: 5/02/2026

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3) PAGES

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INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTIONS ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO.

QUESTION ONE

- a) Define the following terms in the history of Christianity
 - i) History of Christianity (2Marks)
 - ii) Hellenism (2Marks)
 - iii) Selling of Indulgence (2Marks)
 - iv) Simony (2Marks)

- b) Critically assess the validity of Apostle Paul's claim that the founder of Christianity came in the world 'In the fullness of time,' (16Marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) How did the early Church demonstrate its Catholic (universal) character amid the Judaizer controversy? (10Marks)
- b) Examine the positive effects of persecution of the Early Church (10Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Examine the four requirements spelled out by the Jerusalem council of AD 49 for Gentiles becoming Christians. (12Marks)
- b) How did Roman roads contribute to the expansion of the early church (8Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Critically explain the reasons behind the proscription of Early Christianity (10marks)
- b) Compare 313AD. the Edict of Milan and contemporary inter-religious dialogue. (10marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Examine the five main doctrines of the Reformers. (10marks)
- b) Explain five goals of the Counter-Reformation. (10marks)

QUESTION SIX

Explain factors surrounding the present-day rise of secularism and the separation of church and state (10marks)

Examine the influence of Islamic conquests and Christian crusades in today's religious wars (10marks)