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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024

THIRD YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR
OF EDUCATION ARTS

ECR 3351: CRITICAL STUDY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

DATE: APRIL 2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain **four** distinctive features which distinguished Christians from the other Jews (4 Marks)
- b) Examine the Criteria by which the books of the canon were chosen (3 Marks)
- c) Explain **five** teachings of the Gospel of Luke (5 Marks)
- d) Evaluate the evidence of the Holy Spirit in the contemporary Church (6 Marks)
- e) Give a brief analysis of the letter to the Romans (4 Marks)
- f) Evaluate **four** omissions in the Gospel of John (4 Marks)
- g) Elucidate **four** main types of interpretations of the book of Revelation (4 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss five factors that were favorable for Christians in the Roman empire (10 Marks)
 - b) Explain the importance of the temple to the Jewish community (10 Marks)
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QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the **six** fundamental aspects of the life of Jesus Christ (12 Marks)
- b) Evaluate the **four** themes in the Epistle to the Romans (8 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

An argument arose during a discussion group about which book among the Gospels was written first. As a Student of religious studies:

- a) Validate the superiority of the Gospel of Mark (14 Marks)
- b) Explain the main purpose of the Gospel of Mark (6 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) The Gospel of John possesses a different and an independent character, style and content when compared to the synoptic Gospels. Substantiate this statement (20 Marks)

