SECTION A
Understanding God through interaction with the world
You must answer at least ONE question from this section

QUESTION 1
Compare the fundamental characteristics of the world as conceived of in biblical, medieval, classical (newtonian) science and modern science (quantum physics and chaos theory), and draw implications of the different views for the theological conception of the God-world relationship.

MARKS: 20

QUESTION 2
Describe the theories of cosmic and natural evolution, stating the key assumptions made, and the key evidences for these theories, compare these with biblical accounts of creation, and evaluate what implications these theories have for the faith in the creation of the world by God.

MARKS: 20
SECTION B
The Context versus the Concept of God
You must answer at least ONE question from this section

QUESTION 3
The modern period was a direct consequence of the enlightenment period, what would you say were some of the key characterizing features of modern period, how did this period influence people’s perceptions of God and what role did the following figures play during this period: Feuerbach, Hegel, Marx, Nietzsche, Schleiermacher, and Rudolph Otto?

MARKS: 20

QUESTION 4
Explain how the context has had an influence on the concept of God during the following phases in the history of the church and the world: The time of the Church fathers, Reformation, The enlightenment, The Modern period, and twentieth Century.
   a. Explain the socio-political context in each of these phases.
   b. What distinctive concepts of God emerged during each phase?
   c. Who would you say were some of the leading thinkers in each period and what were some of their respective contributions?

MARKS: 20

Question 5
The two major world wars in the 20th Century had a huge impact as far as the socio-political context of this century was concerned. How did this context have an influence on the concept(s) of God that subsequently emerged during this period?

MARKS: 20

QUESTION 6
How would you describe as the dominant concept(s) of God in South Africa today and in what way does such a concept(s) reflect on the current socio-political context in the South African society?

MARKS: 20

SECTION D
Integration

COMPULSORY QUESTION

QUESTION 7
Present and argue for your reflected understanding of God, dialoguing with scientific conceptions of the world, and constructions of God in African theologies.

MARKS: 40

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