INSTRUCTIONS:
1. This paper consists of 2 pages. Please ensure that you have both of them.
2. Please answer Sections ONE and TWO in the SAME book, and Section THREE in a SEPARATE answer book.
3. All questions carry equal value.
4. Please ensure that all answers are clearly and correctly numbered.

SECTION ONE – 100 MARKS
Choose ONE of the following questions.
Please answer this section in the SAME answer book as SECTION TWO.

1.1 The development of Gnosticism was the first major challenge in the early Church. How did it lead the orthodox (or mainline) Church to clarify its doctrine in the first two centuries? [100]

1.2 Write a short essay on family life and sexuality in the early Church. [100]

1.3 How did the persecutions in the first three centuries contribute to a new understanding of the doctrine of sacraments? [100]

SECTION TWO – 100 MARKS
Choose ONE of the following questions.
Please answer this section in the SAME answer book as SECTION ONE.

2.1 Explain why Christianity survived the Islamic conquest in Ethiopia, Nubia and Egypt while it virtually disappeared in the western part of North Africa? [100]

2.2 Write a short essay on monasticism in Egypt. In your response discuss how the “Constantinian revolution” influenced the development of monasticism in the early Church. [100]

2.3 In your opinion was the schism between the Eastern Church and the Western Church in 1054 inevitable? Motivate your answer. [100]
SECTION THREE – 100 MARKS
Choose ONE of the following questions.
Please answer this section in a SEPARATE answer book.

3.1 The first Bishop of Natal, John Colenso was the pioneer of the 19th century missionary. He dared to challenge “historical truth” of the Bible. Discuss Colenso’s life in Natal, paying attention to his controversial political and religious views which created divisions among the clergy, eventually leading to his excommunication. [100]

3.2 Discuss the history of the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa, paying particular attention to its views on racial segregation. [100]

3.3 Critically discuss the opposing religious views and beliefs between the missionaries and African people in South Africa in the early nineteenth century. [100]