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**THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE  
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

**RELI 340: CHURCH HISTORY I**

**STREAMS: B/Ed Arts SB/PT**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 01/04/2021**

**8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- *Answer ALL questions in Section A and TWO questions in Section B*
- *Do not write anything on the question paper*

**SECTION A (COMPULSORY)**

1. How did the Jewish synagogues and the dispersion facilitate the growth of the Christian church? (10 marks)
2. Discuss the accusations made against Christians during the persecution period by the following:
  - (a) Members of public (10 marks)
  - (b) Government authorities (10 marks)

**SECTION B**

3. Outline the differences between the teachings and beliefs of the Gnostics and the Roman Catholic church (20 marks)
4. Assess the achievements of the following early church fathers to the establishment and growth of the church. (20 marks)
  - (a) St. Augustine of Hippo
  - (b) Origen of Alexandria
5. Give a critical assessment of the roots of monasticism. (20 marks)