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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS, BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**RELI 340: CHURCH HISTORY I**

**STREAMS: BED (ARTS), BA**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 03/12/2019**

**2.30 PM – 4.30 PM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Answer ALL the Questions in Section A and any other Two in Section B**

**SECTION A**

1. Discuss the factors that favoured the growth and development of Christianity during the first three centuries. [10 marks]
2. (a) Describe the Marcionite heresy and assess the impact of heresies on the growth of the church. [10 marks]
- (b) Explain the role of apologists in the growth of the early church. What can the church today learn from them? [10 marks]

**SECTION B**

3. Explain how the holy spirit became a propelling power for the spread of Christianity in the early church. In your view, what are the deeds of the holy spirit in the church today? [20 marks]
4. Analyze the factors that led to persecution of Christians in the early church. Critically, discuss the challenges the 21<sup>st</sup> century church is facing. [20 marks]
5. Discuss the factors that led to monasticism and evaluate its impact on the early Christian community. [20 marks]

