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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

RELI 160: INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN ETHICAL THINKING

STREAMS: TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: FRIDAY 8/12/2017 11.30 A.M - 1.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer ALL Questions in Section A and any TWO in Section B

SECTION A QUESTION ONE

Ann was going home from the University where she is training to be teacher. Suddenly, some four strong men grabbed her. She fought them and screamed but on one came to her help. The men gang-raped her and left her for dead. She was later taken to hospital where she was treated and discharged. After two months, Ann discovered that she was pregnant and HIV positive from the rape ordeal. From the onset, thoughts of suicide, abortion, giving birth to a sick baby started pre-occupying her mind.

(a) Highlight the ethical issues presented in this case.

[5 Marks]

(b) Explain two types of ethical dilemma in this situation.

- [5 Marks]
- (c) Distinguish between personal morality and social problems. Was Ann a victim of one or both of these? Explain. [5 Marks]
- (d) Evaluate briefly which other ethical issues a modern day Christian must face and deal with.

[5 Marks]

(e) If you were Ann and a Christian, how would you have objectively handled the situation?

[5 Marks]

(f) Describe what you would tell the four men if you got the opportunity.

[5 Marks]

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SECTION B QUESTION TWO

Saint Paul states in 1 Cor 6:2; "All things are lawful to me, but not all things are beneficial" Elaborate the statement with reference to ethical decision making. [20 Marks]

QUESTION THREE

One can differ with his/her church on serious issues like breaking the ten commandments which are the universal foundation of all ethics. Discuss. [20 Marks]

QUESTION FOUR

Jesus said that he had not come to destroy the law but to fulfill it. In what sense did he fulfill the law? How was his approach to ethical issues different from that of the Old Testament?

[20 Marks]

QUESTION FIVE

Lesbians, homosexuals, prostitutes and advocates of polygamy in Kenya are not openly calling for respect and recognition of their human rights. With reference to Leviticus 20:14, discuss whether they are or not justified. What are the ethical implications of these demands to the Christian community? [20 Marks]

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