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**EMBU CAMPUS**

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

**RELI 312: HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY I**

**STREAMS: B.ED (ARTS)**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 14/08/2018**

**2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer ALL questions in section A and any other TWO in section B.

**SECTION A**

1. (a) Identify the main features of Gnosticism. (10 marks)  
(b) Show how the early Christians defended their faith against Gnosticism. (5 marks)
2. Analyze the reasons for Christian persecutions in the early church. Illustrate your answers with relevant historical examples. (15 marks)

**SECTION B**

3. Describe the socio-religious and political factors that contributed to inception, growth and development of Christianity. (20 marks)
4. (a) Critically analyze the major contributions of emperor Constantine to the early church. (15 marks)
- (b) What were the disadvantages for the church arising from Constantine conversion? (5 marks)
5. Describe crusades and their effects on Christianity during the medieval period. (15 marks)

