

RELI 340

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THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

RELI 340: CHURCH HISTORY I

STREAMS: BED (ARTS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 06/04/2020

11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions

1. (a) Identify five important contributions of the Roman and Greek worlds to the spread of Christianity [20 marks]
- (b) Why was it important to formulate the creeds in the wake of growth of Christianity. [10 marks]
2. (a) Briefly discuss the factors that favoured the spread of the church in the Roman Empire church. [10 marks]
- (b) Explain the following Greek philosophical schools that shaped Christianity:
 - (i) Stoicism [5 marks]
 - (ii) Epicureanism [5 marks]
3. Discuss the prevailing religious environment before birth of Christianity. [20 marks]
4. Explain the role of Emperor Constantine in the spread of Christianity in the Roman Empire. [20 marks]
5. Discuss the following heresies in the early church:
 - (a) Arianism [10 marks]
 - (b) Nestorianism [10 marks]
6. Evaluate the factors that contributed towards the Schism in 1054 AD [20 marks]