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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF MASTER IN ARTS
(RELIGIOUS STUDIES)**

RELI 872: RELIGION AND SOCIAL CHANGE**STREAMS: M.A (RELIGIOUS STUDIES) (P/T)****TIME: 3 HOURS****DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 07/08/2024****2.30 P.M. – 5.30 P.M.****INSTRUCTIONS**

- **Answer question ONE and any other two**

Question one

Mary, married with two children was walking from a nearby shopping centre to her home at around 8.00 pm one Sunday evening. Suddenly some four strong men grabbed her. She fought them and screamed but no 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, Mary discovered that she was pregnant and HIV positive from the rape ordeal. From the onset thought of suicide, abortion, giving birth to a sick baby started pre-occupying her mind.

- a) Highlight the social vices emerging from the narrative above. (5 marks)
- b) Explain the psychological, social and religious impact this experience had on Mary. (5 marks)
- c) Evaluate how religious should deals with such vices mentioned in (a) above. (5 marks)
- d) Discuss the changes that are taking place in the society today that could lead to such an episode. (5 marks)
- e) Evaluate the change in the institution of the family that may have negative impact on the future of Christian marriages. (5 marks)

- f) Suggest social reforms which modern religious should adopt to mitigate change evolving in the society. (5 marks)

SECTION B

Question two

St. Paul states in 1 Cor. 6:2, “All things are lawful to me, but not all things are beneficial.” Give a critical response to the statement from a religious point of view bearing in mind the social changes take-up place in the society. (15 marks)

Question three

Either

- a) Jesus said that he had not come to destroy the law but to fulfill it. In what sense did Jesus further the law? How would he have approached to social issues affecting society if he lived in the world today? (15 marks)

Or

- b) What is a reference group? Identify possible reference groups in religious organizations. Discuss whether or not they impact positively or negatively the future of religion. (15 marks)

Question four

Lesbians, Gay, homosexuals and prostitutes openly call for respect and reconstitution of their human rights. With reference to religious values, explain the impact of this on the future of religious in Africa. (15 marks)

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