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**MAIN EXAMINATION**

**SEPTEMBER –DECEMBER 2021**

**FACULTY OF THEOLOGY**

**DEPARTMENT OF FIRST CYCLE**

**REGULAR PROGRAMME**

**B- CH 112: EARLY HISTORY OF THE CHURCH**

**Date: DECEMBER 2021**

**Duration: 3 Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any TWO Questions**

Q1a. Trace the origins of Christianity indicating how Christianity separated from Judaism and the resulting consequences of this separation. **(12 Marks)**

1b. Discuss the reasons that led to the convocation of the Council of Jerusalem and its outcomes. **(8 Marks)**

Q2. Discuss the events that led to the Christianization of the Roman Empire pointing out how these events transformed Christianity. **(17 Marks)**

Q3. Gnosticism seems to have been an inside enemy than an outside enemy, trace its origins, its beliefs indicating why the church opposed it and how it managed to overcome Gnosticism. **(17 Marks)**

Q4. Discuss what happened during the persecutions under **Valerian, Marcus Aurelius** and **Diocletian** indicating how these persecutions led to controversies in the Early church. **(17 Marks)**

Q5. Mention and discuss **four** rites in the early church, how they were celebrated pointing out why the celebration of the *pascha* ended being very contentious. **(17 Marks)**

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