SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

THE 414: APOLOGETICS
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FINAL EXAM 60%-2 HOURS
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Instructions

- **Match the quality of your response to the weight of the marks**
- **This is an open bible exam**
- **This is an open book exam**
- **Incomplete answers will not attract any credit.**
- **Define all relevant terminologies**

SECTION ONE : Compulsory

1a) Enumerate ten apologetics' related guidelines an apologist can learn from the biblical passage below.

1 Peter 3:15-16

"15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander."(NIV)**(10 Marks)**

1b) You are the youth pastor and the senior pastor in your church is concerned that the style of singing and dancing the youth have adapted is not appropriate. Write an apologist's bible-based response making references to relevant worldviews and ideologies. **(10 Marks)**

SECTION B: CHOOSE AND ANSWER *TWO (2)*QUESTIONS.

2a) In Apologetics, **claims for truth** can be considered subjective by opponents of the truth , therefore, it is recommended that apologists should apply ***Tests of Truth.***

(i) What are the benefits of "***the test of consistency***" in Christian apologetics?**(5 Marks)**

(ii) What are the benefits of "***the test of livability***" in Christian apologetics?**(5 Marks)**

2(b) One of the requirements for "Responding for Faith" is that one must know Bible doctrine. From your experience in learning apologetics, explain five biblical doctrines that are crucial in defending the faith and reasons why these doctrines are important. **(10 Marks)**

3a) Explain why it is important to distinguish our apologetics by referring to it 'Christian Apologetics' **(5 Marks)**

3b) Christian apologetics requires personal preparation. Explain**. (15 Marks)**

4.Sources of apologetics enable an apologist to use the *cumulative case method* effectively . Explain how the following sources influence apologetics

a) Philosophy **(5 Marks)**

b) Epistemology **(5 Marks)**

c) Culture **(5 Marks)**

d) Historical evidence **(5 Marks)**

5. Choose ten barriers against Christian faith and provide two responses for each barrier that you would present as defense ofChristian faith ? **(20 Marks)**