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SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

JUNE/JULY 2013 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: CTH 412

COURSE TITLE: GOSPEL OF MATHEW

TIME ALLOWED: : 2HRS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION 1 IN SECTION A AND ANY OTHER TWO IN SECTION B (SECTION 1 CARRIES 30 MARKS, WHILE SECTION B CARRIES 20 MARKS EACH)

SECTION A

1. What is the Synoptic problem? Identify and discuss three similarities and three differences of the Synoptic Gospels.

SECTION B

2. List and discuss two major arguments about the life setting of Matthew's Gospel.
3. Discuss the concepts "Son of Man" and "Son of God" as messianic titles.
4. How can you distinguish between the old Israel, the Ecclesial Community, and the Messiah?
5. a) What are the main issues in the objection to a Hebrew text of Matthew?

b) Critically assess the arguments about the impossibility of an apostolic authorship of Matthew's Gospel.