



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, ABUJA**  
**Plot 91, Cadastral Zone, Nnamdi Azikwe Express Way, Jabi-Abuja**

**FACULTY OF ARTS**  
**October/November Examinations 2016**

**COURSE CODE: CTH817**  
**COURSE TITLE: THE GOSPELS**  
**CREDIT UNIT: 3**  
**TIME ALLOWED: 3HOURS**

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO**

1. What are the factors that led to the emergence of the Gospels and other early Christian writings? (30 marks)
2. Use three comparative biblical references to make the case that Matthew's reverent opinion of the person of Jesus and the role of the first disciples induced him to retouch some of the more human details in Mark's portrait of those persons. (20 marks)
3. What are the various ideas attached to word "gospels." (20 marks)
4. Discuss Luke's literary use of Mark as a source in the composition of the Gospel (20)
5. How do you mean that the purpose of the Gospel according to Matthew is both apologetic and catechetical? (20 marks)