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**FACULTY OF ARTS**

**2021\_2 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE CODE:** CRS311  
**COURSE TITLE:** THE GOSPEL OF JOHN  
**CREDIT UNIT:** 2  
**TIME ALLOWED:** 2 HOURS  
**INSTRUCTION:** ANSWER ONLY THREE QUESTIONS each question carries equal marks (23 marks).

**QUESTIONS**

1. Describe the literary presentation of the two great disciples in the Fourth Gospel as a reflection on the competition between the two major Christian centres: Ephesus and Rome
2. Using the information provided in your self-study material (CRS311), justify the claim that the principal interest of the Fourth Gospel is to prove the divinity of Jesus.
3. Applying the Johannine dualism in Jn 3:26-36 (between heaven and earth, above and below) prove the superiority of Jesus to John the Baptist [You may use the text below for your analysis]

John 3:26 - 36 <sup>26</sup> They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him." <sup>27</sup> John answered, "No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. <sup>28</sup> You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Messiah,<sup>1</sup> but I have been sent ahead of him.' <sup>29</sup> He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason, my joy has been fulfilled. <sup>30</sup> He must increase, but I must decrease." <sup>31</sup> The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all. <sup>32</sup> He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony. <sup>33</sup> Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified<sup>1</sup> this, that God is true. <sup>34</sup> He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. <sup>35</sup> The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands. <sup>36</sup> Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God's wrath.

4. Prove to your course colleagues that the deployment of the following signs in the Fourth Gospel is an evidence of the divinity of Jesus:
  - i. The turning of water into wine (John 2:1-11)
  - ii. The cleansing of the Temple (John 2:12-22)
  - iii. The meeting between Jesus and Nicodemus (John 3: 2ff)