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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:–

B.A.

Hebrew & Jew. Studs. B25: History of Antisemitism

COURSE CODE : HEBRB025

UNIT VALUE : 1.00

DATE : 10-MAY-04

TIME : 10.00

TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours

HEBRB025: The History of Antisemitism

Answer **FOUR** questions, at least ONE from each section. All questions have equal value.

Section A

- 1.) Examine the process, and the implications, of the evolution of Christianity into a separate religion from Judaism.
- 2.) Compare and contrast the attitudes of Augustine of Hippo and John Chrysostom towards the Jews.
- 3.) Christianity and Islam are both "daughter religions" of Judaism. Why did Islam generally lack the theological hostility towards Judaism so often displayed by Christianity?
- 4.) Discuss: "The phenomena of Host Desecration and the Blood Libel tell us more about the insecurities of Christians than the beliefs and actions of Jews."
- 5.) Evaluate the historical explanations and interpretations that have been given to the origins and nature of anti-Jewish violence during the Crusades.
- 6.) Characterize the impact of the Reformation movement on the attitudes of EITHER Catholics OR Protestants towards the Jews.

Section B

- 7.) The core assumptions of the French Enlightenment carried both positive and negative implications for the Jews of Europe. Discuss, focusing on EITHER the positive OR the negative.
- 8.) How did modern Jewry come to be so closely associated with the idea of revolution and political radicalism?
- 9.) Discuss which of the following states should be considered the most antisemitic in the period 1871-1914: France, Germany, Russia.
- 10.) Assess the extent to which Antisemitism in 19th century Germany was the chief factor in the willingness of ordinary Germans to participate in the Holocaust.
- 11.) Discuss the extent to which contemporary Arab anti-Zionism could be considered antisemitic.
- 12.) Discuss the utility of the term "Antisemitism" for the scholarly study of hostility towards Jews and Judaism.

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