**ARRUPE COLLEGE**

Jesuit School of Philosophy and Humanities

**BA Honours in Philosophy**

**NT FOUNDATIONS: SYNOPTIC GOSPELS EXAMINATION APH 407**

**DECEMBER 2015**

**THREE (3) HOURS**

**ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS ONLY. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

**SECTION A**

1. Discuss how the study of Roman history benefits the study the New Testament.
2. Describe the sect of the Essenes and discuss its similarities with the Christian movement.
3. Discuss the redaction criticism and indicate its significance in the study of the New Testament.
4. Contrast the particularism and the universalism portrayed in the Gospel of Matthew.

**SECTION B**

1. Give a detailed description of Griesbach’s Hypothesis in the solution to the synoptic problem and discuss whether it succeeds or fails to solve the problem.
2. Show the main purpose of the second chapter of Matthew and discuss whether he succeeds in achieving his purpose.
3. Contrast, with supporting data, the purpose of miracles in the Synoptic Gospels and the use of signs in the Johannine tradition.
4. Show clearly the centrality of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus and its influence on the formation the gospels.

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**