

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES
SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2005

TITLE OF PAPER : **INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL STUDIES**

COURSE CODE : **T1P1/IDE-T1P1**

TIME ALLOWED : **TWO (2) HOURS**

INSTRUCTIONS :

1. **ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS IN ALL.**
2. **WRITE IN CLEAR GRAMMATICALLY CORRECT SENTENCES.**

THIS QUESTION PAPER IS NOT TO BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.

QUESTION 1

Briefly discuss the following terms:

- (a) Textual criticism
- (b) Historical criticism
- (c) Source criticism
- (d) Form criticism
- (e) Redaction criticism

QUESTION 2

Discuss the various political strategies of maintaining control of the subject peoples by the Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Greeks and the Romans.

QUESTION 3

Identify the different parts of the land of Israel as perceived by George Adam Smith from the time of king David to the split of the monarchy in 922 BCE. Indicate which of these features in the Jewish and Christian canons.

QUESTION 4

Why was honoring of kinship ties a social and ethical necessity in pre-monarchic Israel? Highlight the Judaic cultic legislation and other forms of text which sought to enforce such social relations.

QUESTION 5

Discuss with example various literary forms existent in Jewish canonical literature.

QUESTION 6

Discuss part of the pentateuchal evidence on which J. Wellhausen and R. Graf based their proposition of the Documentary Hypothesis.

QUESTION 7

What are the historical roots of Jewish messianism? Why are the different socio-religious constituencies in the synoptic tradition depicted as displaying mixed responses to Jesus's supposed mesianic status?

QUESTION 8

In what way do the canonical Gospels reflect literary affinity with ancient Hellenistic biographies?