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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2007

TITLE OF PAPER   : A STUDY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

COURSE CODE   : T2P1/IDE T2P1

DURATION   : THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS   : 1. Answer **four questions** in all.
2. **Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.**

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1. Define the following terms which refer to components of the Hebrew textual traditions:
   a) Chumash
   b) Talmud
   c) Mishnah
   d) Gemara
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2. How do the primeval stories demonstrate the discrepancy between the ideal and actual conditions of human existence?
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3. Read Genesis 18 and analyse the sociological conditions mirrored in this text.
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4. Conduct an intertextual reading of the following texts:
   a) Genesis 19:1-29
   b) Leviticus 18:22
   c) Judges 19
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5. Comment on the style and structure of the book of Deuteronomy and how they provide support for the idea of a *Hexateuch*.
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6. Identify and discuss the theological themes contained in the stories of Elijah and Elisha the pre-classical prophets.
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7. Comment on Walter Harrelson's (1964) monumental ideas on the development of the canonical collection of psalms.
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8. Discuss the broad critical theological issues that the book of Ecclesiastes addresses.
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9. Using the plot of the story of Jonah as an analogy, describe a situation in which you would personally behave like him if God would send you on a missionary assignment. Explain the basis of your refusal to cooperate with God on such a responsibility.

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10. In what sense does apocalyptic interpretation of history as illustrated in the book of Daniel contain a measure of fatalism?

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