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**COURSE TITLE : T1P1/ IDE T1P1**

**COURSE CODE : INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL STUDIES**

**DURATION : 2HRS**

**INSTRUCTIONS :**

- a. Answer three (3) questions in all.
- b. Question one is compulsory.
- c. Answer at least one question from each section.
- d. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.

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## **T1P1 (M) MAY 2008**

### **SECTION I**

1. Describe how doing this course (**TRS 100 Introduction to Biblical Studies**) has either impacted on your view of the Christian Bible or taught you about the Christian Bible [20]
2. Discuss with examples the functions, uses and influences of the Bible within the socio-political context. In your answer refer to both the local and global contexts. [20]
3. Define *exegesis and hermeneutics* and demonstrate how the two are related. [20]
4. What is tradition criticism? What is the distinction between oral sources and oral traditions? [20]
5. Identify and explain two examples of each of the following textual features found in the Pentateuchal materials:
  - a. repeated traditions
  - b. narrative disagreements
  - c. data differences
  - d. anachronisms
  - e. stylistic differences [20]
6. According to a Jewish perspective what is the function of a prophet? [20]

### **SECTION II**

7. Define the following:
  - a. Pharisees
  - b. Sadducees
  - c. Essenes
  - d. Zealots
  - e. Samaritans[20]
8. What is a Gospel and why are authors of Gospels called evangelists? [20]
9. Describe the traditional categories of the New Testament Letters. [20]
10. Paint a broad history of the production of the English translation of the Bible. In your answer comment on the significant versions of the Bible in English. [20]