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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION JULY 2008**

COURSE TITLE : A STUDY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT
COURSE CODE : T2P1/ IDE T2P1
DURATION : THREE (3) HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Choose and answer three (3) questions.
- b. For some of the questions refer closely to the relevant attached documents
- c. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.

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T2P1 Examination (S) July 2008

1. *What the Torah is to the Jewish Canon is what the Gospels are to the Christian canon.* Discuss this claim in relation to the theological status of the Torah of Moses. [25]
2. What do the following stories respectively tell a contemporary reader about the world-view, actions, and religious practices of the ancestors of Israel?
 - a. Yahweh's removal of Abraham from his original homeland in *Genesis 12:1-3*
 - b. Abraham's conversation with Yahweh in *Genesis 18: 16-33*
 - c. The near-sacrifice of Isaac in *Genesis 21*
 - d. The pronouncement of the patriarchal blessing by Isaac on Jacob instead of Esau in *Genesis 27:1-40*
 - e. The death and burial of Jacob in *Genesis 49:29-50:14*
[25]
3. Conduct a source analysis of *Exodus 19*. [25]
4. Explain the regulations on sexual relations in *Leviticus 18* from a historical-critical approach. [25]
5. In what ways does the book of *Deuteronomy* reflect contradictory ethical perspectives for a contemporary reader? [25]
6. Assess the Judaic tradition that canonised Solomon as a wise king through an ideological analysis of his reign. Refer to the narrative materials that provide information on his political policies, economic pursuits and personal lifestyle. [25]
7. Define the Hebrew terms that express various dimensions of Jewish prophetic practice. In your answer give examples of their application as found in certain parts of the Hebrew Scriptures. [25]
8. Discuss the scholarly view that *Ezekiel* is a *little apocalypse*. Refer to relevant specific features of the book of Ezekiel. [25]
9. Identify and explain the various theological strands evident in the Psalter. [25]
10. Explain the general characteristics of Jewish wisdom. [25]
11. Define the concept of *prophetic torment* with reference to prophet Jeremiah's experiences. [25]
12. How can the problems of historiography within the book of *Daniel* be resolved? [25]