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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2009

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 and grammatically correct sentences.

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T2P1/IDE T2P1 Exam (M) 2009

1. Assess Brooks Scramm's (2001) argument on why newer alternative terminology to "Old Testament" is inadequate.
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2. Write a plot summary of the contents of Genesis 1-11.
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3. Write briefly about what the patriarchal narratives in Genesis 12-50 tell us about social structure, cultural assumptions, and religious beliefs of ancient Israel's ancestors.
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4. Conduct a comparative analysis of the covenantal texts in Exodus 20 and 34.
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5. Analyse ancient Israel's wilderness wanderings with respect to its development into a people.
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6. How are the themes of divine selection of Israel and covenant played out in Joshua 24?
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7. Discuss the story of Gideon showing the clash between tradition and interpretation as well as between history and interpretation in that text.
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8. Discuss the theology and ideology of the Temple as expressed in 1 Kings 8.
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9. Comment on Solomon's reign as it is portrayed in 1 Kings 1-10.
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10. Compare and contrast prophets Isaiah of Jerusalem and Micah in terms of content of message, social location, texture, of prophetic message.
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11. What are imprecatory Psalms? Referring closely to few selected examples of such Psalms, comment on their theological content.
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12. Discuss William Brown's (1996) argument that the aim of Wisdom literature of the Old Testament is the formation of moral character.

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