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2010/2011 SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER

TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL STUDIES  
COURSE CODE: TRS 100 [T1P1]/ IDE TRS 100 [T1P1]  
DURATION: TWO HOURS

ALL QUESTIONS ARE WORTH 20 MARKS

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Answer three (3) questions in all.
- b. *Question 1 is compulsory*
- c. Answer at least one question from each section.
- d. Write in clear and grammatically correct sentences.

**DO NOT OPEN THIS QUESTION PAPER UNTIL THE INVIGILATOR GIVES  
YOU PERMISSION TO DO SO**

**TRS 100 [T1P1] Supplementary Exam July 2011****Question 1** [*Compulsory question*]

Conduct a comparative analysis between a confessional definition of the Bible and a scholarly one.

**Question 2**

Identify and discuss some socio-political uses of the Bible.

**Question 3**

Define the following methods of critical reading of biblical texts.

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

**Question 4**

Discuss the reasons that are the bases for both supporting and disputing Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch.

**Question 5**

Discuss the distinctly Israelite understanding of prophecy.

**Question 6**

Identify and explain the main features of wisdom literature.

**Question 7**

Analyse the Jewish attitudes reflected in the books of Ruth, Esther and Jonah.

**Question 8**

“There is an information gap between the Old Testament and the New Testament.”  
Discuss.

**SECTION TWO****Question 9**

Describe the literary forms found within the gospels.

**Question 10**

Analyse the bases for distinguishing the genuine and disputed letter of Paul