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BED 1/BA HUMANITIES I/ IDE BA HUMANITIES I
SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION JULY 2012

COURSE TITLE : INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL STUDIES

COURSE CODE : TRS 100

DURATION : THREE (3) HRS

INSTRUCTIONS :

- a. Choose at TWO (2) questions from each section.
- b. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.
- c. All questions carry equal marks.

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TRS 100/ IDE TRS 100 Exam (S) July 2012**Section A**

1. How does the Hebrew Bible compare with the Christian Bible? In your view, why is it not precisely correct to say that the Old Testament is the Christian name for the Hebrew Bible even though the term is generally used by the Christian community? [25]
2. Give and evaluate reasons why the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch is contested. [25]
3. What do you understand by the terms *deuteronomic* and *deuteronomistic*? Comment on the characteristic of the deuteronomistic point of view and related themes. [25]
4. Explore the religious and political settings of the book of Isaiah of Jerusalem. [25]
5. "Jeremiah was a traitor." To what extent do you agree with this view? [25]

Section B

6. What do you understand by term "messianic secret"? To what extent is the secrecy motif authentic to Mark? [25]
7. How does Paul defend his credentials as an apostle and the truth of his Gospel in Galatians? [25]
8. Do you think the New Testament offers any meaningful help to People Affected and Infected with HIV and AIDS? [25]
9. Show how the author of Hebrews demonstrates the superiority of Christ over the old covenant. [25]
10. Do you think the Bible condemns homosexuality? Support your answer with relevant scriptural texts. [25]

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