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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION JULY 2013

COURSE TITLE : INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL STUDIES

COURSE CODE : TRS 100

DURATION : TWO (2) HRS

INSTRUCTIONS :

- a. Answer **THREE(3)** questions.
- b. Choose at least **ONE** (1) question from each section.
- c. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.
- d. All questions carry **equal marks**.

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Section A

1. What is an etiology? What is the function of these stories? Support your answer with examples from the Bible and your own context.
2. Attempt a critical survey of the theological themes in the Torah.
3. What do you understand by textual criticism? Do you think this method can help you in your reading of the Bible?
4. In what ways does the creation story in Genesis 1 compare with that of Genesis 2? Your answer should demonstrate your knowledge of the sources behind the Pentateuch.

Section B

5. Identify and discuss the cause of the problems addressed by Paul in 1 Corinthians. What were Paul's solutions for each of those problems?
6. Illustrate the characteristics of the gospel of Mark.
7. Show how the author of Hebrews demonstrates the superiority of Christ over the old covenant.

8. Comment on any points of interest or difficulty in the following passage.

1 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us, 2 just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, 3 it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theoph'ilus, 4 that you may know the truth concerning the things of which you have been informed. (Luke 1:1 -4)