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TRS 200 MAIN EXAM, DECEMBER 2012

TITLE OF PAPER : Studies in the Old Testament I
COURSE CODE : TRS 200
DURATION : 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS : 1. Choose and answer **four** (4) questions in all.
2. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.

All questions are worth 25 marks.

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Question 1

Compare and contrast the Christian Old Testaments and the Tanakh. [25]

Question 2

With reference to the relevant contents of the primeval traditions, explain the function of myth in society in general and in the ancient Hebrew society in particular. [25]

Question 3

Write critical comments on the actions and speech contents of Lot and the men of Sodom as depicted in Genesis 19:1-11. [25]

Question 4

Identify and explain the nature of the images used in characterising Yahweh and Yahweh's actions in the song of Moses in Exodus 15:1-21. [25]

Question 5

Write a critical commentary on the following regulations:

Leviticus 18: 22 "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination".

Leviticus 20: 13 "If a man takes his sister, a daughter of his father or a daughter of his mother, and sees her nakedness, and she sees his nakedness, it is a disgrace, and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people; he has uncovered his sister's nakedness, he shall be subject to punishment".

[25]

Question 6

Analyse historically and canonically the instructions given to the Hebrew community on the conduct of a king in Deuteronomy 17: 14-20. [25]

Question 7

Identify and explain internal evidence which supports that view that the book of Judges is an apology for the introduction of kingship in ancient Israel. [25]

Question 8

Pick out incidents within the court history of David in 2 Samuel 9 – 20 and 1 Kings 1-2 that point to David's tragic character flaws. [25]

Question 9

Describe with illustrations from the narratives of Ezra and Nehemiah the difficulties that faced the process of resettlement in Judah after the Jews returned from Babylonian captivity. [25]

Question 10

Explain the literary and religious functions of the books of Chronicles. [25]