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COURSE CODE : TRS 201

TITLE OF PAPER : Studies in the Old Testament II

DURATION OF EXAM : Two (2) Hrs

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Choose and answer three (3) questions in all.
- b. Write in clear and grammatically correct sentences.

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PERMISSION TO DO SO**

Write critical comments on the instances in which prophets Amos, Isaiah of Jerusalem and Jeremiah castigate the covenant community for religious formalism. [25]

### **QUESTION 3**

Analyse how prophets Ezekiel and Second Isaiah revise some of the covenant theology traditions in their respective oracles. [25]

### **QUESTION 4**

Using a combination of historical and canonical criticisms, analyse the passage below in order to bring out the central concerns of prophet Malachi. [25]

*"For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts. But you have turned aside from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your instruction; you have corrupted the covenant of Levi", says the Lord of hosts. (Malachi 2:7-8)*

### **QUESTION 5**

Discuss how the ritual act of mourning the destruction of Jerusalem as captured in the book of *Lamentations* serves as a catharsis for the people of Judah. [25]

### **QUESTION 6**

In their discussion of the book of *Song of Songs*, Mathews and Moyer (2012:254) explain why the theme of romantic love rarely features in the biblical text. Write a critical response to the views of the two scholars on this matter. [25]

### **QUESTION 7**

Discuss the various ways in which the Psalms are used for individual and communal worship in the Jewish community. [25]

### **QUESTION 8**

Demonstrate with relevant examples from the books of Proverbs, Job and Ecclesiastes how common sense and divine knowledge are integrated in the genre of Jewish Wisdom. [25]

