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TRS 102 MAIN EXAMINATION, MAY 2016

**TITLE OF PAPER : THE JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN SACRED TEXTS
COURSE CODE : TRS 102
DURATION : 2 Hours**

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Choose and answer three (3) questions in all.
2. Choose at least one (1) question from each section.
3. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.
4. The paper consists of three (3) printed pages including the cover page.
5. All questions carry equal marks.

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PERMISSION TO DO SO.**

TRS 102 THE JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN SACRED TEXTS, (M) MAY 2016**Section A****Question 1**

Discuss the place of the Torah in Jewish religion giving reasons why these books are received with great respect this community of faith.[20]

Question 2

Was Eve created from the rib of Adam? Are there any other alternative explanations and to what extent do you agree with those interpretations? [20]

Question 3

With relevant illustrations, explain problems behind the authorship of the Pentateuch. [20]

Question 4

From the extract below, discuss Isaiah of Jerusalem's understanding of who God is and what could have influenced the content of his vision. [20]

6 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train^[a] of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”^[b]

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” (Isaiah 6:1-6, ESV)

Section B**Question 5**

Identify any two miracles from the gospel genre and explain ways in which some scholars explain them away. To what extent do you agree with those explanations? [20]

Question 6

If the law is not of faith and brings a curse, why was it given in the first place? Support your views with Paul's message in his Letter to the Galatians. [20]

Question 7

What does Paul teach about the resurrection of the body in I Corinthians 15? In what ways did his views differ from contemporary ideas about the afterlife? [20]

Question 8

What clues indicate that, by the end of the first century, Christian communities were no longer unified at this stage? [20]