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Course Code : TRS 201
Course Title : Studies in the Old Testament II
Duration : 2 hrs

Instructions

- a. Choose and answer three (3) questions.
- b. Make sure you accurately label the questions you have opted to answer.
- c. Write in clear and grammatically correct sentences.
- d. Indicate on the cover page of your answer script the name of your programme of study and whether you are a fulltime or IDE student.

*NB: All questions carry 20 marks.

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Question 1

Identify and define at least five literary forms that are embedded in Old Testament prophetic literature. Your definition should include the characteristic features, content and function of each literary form.

Question 2

Define the role of covenant theology in shaping Old Testament prophetic messages.

Question 3

Choose any one prophet amongst Amos, Hosea, Isaiah of Jerusalem and Jeremiah and analyse his denunciation of religious formalism.

Question 4

Discuss how the two prophets of the exile, Ezekiel and Second Isaiah address the psychological state of the Jewish exiles through their prophetic oracles.

Question 5

Give an explanatory background to Third Isaiah's accusations against the post-exilic priesthood of social and cultic abuses.

Question 6

Explain the significance of the varied placement of the book of *Lamentations* within the Hebrew Bible and the Greek Septuagint.

Question 7

Sketch the trends in the study of the Psalms since the 1920s.

Question 8

What is your view regarding the diversity of form, nature and context of application of Old Testament Wisdom?

Question 9

Discuss the various issues that led to the debate about the acceptance of the book of Esther into the canon.

Question 10

Identify and explain the irresolvable hermeneutical issues that arise from reading the book of Daniel.
