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Course Code : TRS 104
Course Title : A History of Biblical Interpretation
Duration : Two (2) Hrs.

Instructions

- a. Choose and answer three (3) questions in all.
- b. Your answer to each question should not exceed two pages.
- c. Write in clear and grammatically correct sentences.

*NB: All questions are worth 20 marks.

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Question 1

Define the following concepts and explain how they relate to the text interpretation process.

- Low context society
- High context society
- Exegesis
- Eisegesis
- Hermeneutics

Question 2

Discuss the rules for allegorical interpretation that were proposed by Rabbi Saadia in response to the Karaite objection to allegorical interpretation.

Question 3

Identify and discuss the merits and demerits of the “plain sense” of the meaning of scriptural texts.

Question 4

Assess the arguments advanced by Peter Kreeft in support of the Roman Catholic Church’s position of combining Scripture and Church tradition as sources of authority for Christianity.

Question 5

Comprehensively define the following procedures of analysing a biblical text:

- textual criticism
- source criticism
- form criticism
- tradition criticism
- redaction criticism

Question 6

Discuss the principles on which development of reader-response criticism in the 1960s was based.
