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Course code : TRS 200
Course title : Studies in the Old Testament I
Duration : Two (2) Hours

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 front cover of your answer booklet your programme of study and whether you are enrolled in the full time programme or studying through the Institute of Distance Education (IDE).

NB.: All questions are worth 20 marks.

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Question 1

Explain the factors that necessitated the translation of the Hebrew Bible into Greek and problems that resulted from this translation.

Question 2

Comparatively analyse the creation myths in Genesis 1 – 2 and the Babylonian myth called *Enuma Elish*.

Question 3

Discuss the literary function of the stories in Genesis 37 – 50 as a narrative transition to the Exodus narrative.

Question 4

Choose two narrative texts in the book of Numbers and demonstrate how law and narrative are intertwined.

Question 6

Explain the religio-cultural function of the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4 – 9) in the life of the biblical covenant community.

Question 7

In what ways is the book of Judges an apology for the introduction of the monarchy in ancient Israel?

Question 8

Either

Discuss how royal ideology functions to legitimise Solomon's appointment as King.

Or

Explain the Deuteronomic historian's subtle criticism of King Jeroboam as reflected in the pericope in 1 Kings 12:28 – 33.
