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Course Code : TRS 201
Course Title : Studies in the Old Testament II
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.
- d. Indicate on the front cover of your answer script your programme of study and whether you are enrolled in a full time programme or studying through the Institute of Distance Education.

NB: All questions are worth 20 marks.

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Question 1

With reference to relevant content from classic prophecy, explain the view that covenant theology is a point of reference for the prophets as they proclaim oracles to their audiences.

Question 2

Discuss the varied depictions of God in the book of *Lamentations* and their implications for the theological meaning of this text.

Question 3

Asses the arguments offered by some scholars in support of a literal-grammatical interpretation of the book of *Song of Songs*:

Question 4

Outline the major shifts in the trends of studying the Psalms since the 1970s to the beginning of the 21st century.

Question 5

Give and discuss examples of how the increasing application of canonical approaches has led to an emerging distinctive scholarship on correlating the once marginalised Wisdom literature to other parts of the Old Testament

Question 6

Discuss the common characteristics between prophecy and apocalypses with reference to Old Testament prophetic literature and the book of Daniel.
