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TRS 215 SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION, JULY 2017

**TITLE OF PAPER : Biblical anthropology
COURSE CODE : TRS 215
DURATION : 2 Hours**

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Choose and answer three (3) questions in all.
2. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.
3. The paper consists of four (3) printed pages including the cover page.
4. All questions carry equal marks.

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Question 1

Explain, in detail, ways in which the Bible is a repository for replies to the dilemmas of human existence. [20]

Question 2

More often, we hear, through in/formal conversations that human beings were created in the image and likeness of God. What does this really mean? [20]

Question 3

“I think creationism is, in a sense, a kind of category mistake, as if the Bible were a theory like other theories. Whatever the biblical account of creation is, it's not a theory alongside theories. It's not as if the writer of Genesis or whatever sat down and said well, how am I going to explain all this... 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...’” (Rowan Williams, The Guardian, 21 March 2006.) To what extent do you agree with this thinking? [20]

Question 4

Discuss mythic accounts that explain the origin of different languages according to the Book of Genesis. [20]

Question 5

2 And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his house, who had charge of all that he had, "Put your hand under my thigh, 3 and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell, 4 but will go to my country and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac" (Genesis 24: 2-4, RSV). From the extract above, what can you say about kinship and marriage in ancient societies? [20]

Question 6

Is Adam a person who actually lived in human history? Give salient arguments for or against your views. [20]