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**RE-SIT EXAMINATION, JULY 2018**

**TITLE OF PAPER : JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN SACRED TEXTS  
COURSE CODE : TRS 102  
DURATION : 2 Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Answer three (3) questions in all.
2. Choose at least one question from each section.
3. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.
4. The paper consists of three (3) printed pages including the cover page.
5. All questions carry equal marks.

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**SECTION A**

**Question 1**

Explain the major differences in the creation stories between the Yahwist and the Priestly sources. [20]

**Question 2**

Describe, in detail, the Legend of Adapa and in what ways does it compare with the narratives in the Book of Genesis? [20]

**Question 3**

Summarise Amos' message against foreign nations and what were the possible reasons for doing so? [20]

**Question 4**

Identify and explain, in detail, the specific sins of Israel that Hosea the prophet warns against. [20]

**SECTION B**

**Question 5**

Discuss the defining characteristics of the Gospel According to Mark. [20]

**Question 6**

Explain how the early church did come to consider the books we have in the New Testament canon as scripture. [20]

**Question 7**

Discuss the occasion and purpose of the Letter of Paul to Philemon. [20]

**Question 8**

Write a critical commentary on the following extract from Romans 1:18-32. [20]

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of men who by their wickedness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse; <sup>21</sup> for although they knew God they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking and their senseless minds were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man or birds or animals or reptiles.

<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup> because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever! Amen.

<sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. Their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural, <sup>27</sup> and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in their own persons the due penalty for their error.

<sup>28</sup> And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a base mind and to improper conduct. <sup>29</sup> They were filled with all manner of wickedness, evil, covetousness, malice. Full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malignity, they are gossips, <sup>30</sup> slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. <sup>32</sup> Though they know God's decree that those who do such things deserve to die, they not only do them but approve those who practice them. (Rom. 1:18-32, RSV)

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