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**2017/2018 Main Examination Paper December 2017**

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

Instructions

- a. Choose and answer three questions in all.
- b. Your answers should be structured, focused and clear.
- c. Indicate on the top cover page of your answer script the name of your programme.

NB: All questions are worth 20 marks.

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1. Identify and explain the concerning issues behind the debate on using the terms "Old Testament" and "Hebrew Bible" alternately.
  2. Explain the logic of learning about the geography, climate, culture, history and peoples of the ancient near east.
  3. Discuss how canonical criticism helps towards gaining appreciation of the theological value of the Pentateuch.
  4. Compare and contrast the beliefs embedded in the primeval traditions and those conveyed through the Babylonian myths of *Enuma Elish*, *Atrahasis* and the *Gilgamesh Epic*.
  5. Read the attached pericope in *Numbers* 5: 11 – 31 from a feminist hermeneutic. (see separate back attachment)
  6. What have you learned that is of personal worth to you in discussions on the Deuteronomic worldview that underlies all the books of *Joshua*, *Judges*, *1 & 2 Samuel* and *1 & 2 Kings*?
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