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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 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. How does the plurality of the Old Testament canons correlate with various views about the nature and authorship of the Bible?
 2. Of the Ancient Near Eastern values we learned about in this course, which ones do you think are worth retaining and globalising in line with the 21st century literacy of intercultural communication, and why?
 3. With reference to the primeval traditions, demonstrate how the literary concept of “narrative theology” fits in with the communicative practices of the ancient Hebrew community.
 4. Discuss the significance of ritual in the religious life of the ancient Hebrew community with reference to select cultic regulations contained in the book of *Leviticus*.
 5. Briefly demonstrate, by isolating certain essential features, how the books of *Joshua* and *Judges* address the theme of land in continuity with the book of *Deuteronomy*.
 6. Read the pericope in *2 Samuel 6* from a narrative perspective and analyse specifically the character portrayal of King David.
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