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Course code : TRS 201

Course title : Studies in the Old Testament II

Duration : Two (2) Hrs.

Instructions

- a. Answer three (3) questions.
- b. Your answer to each question should be structured and consistently focused on the issue about which you are writing.
- c. Make sure you accurately label the questions that you have opted to answer.
- d. Indicate on the top cover of your answer script the name of your programme of study.

*NB: All questions are worth 20 marks.

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Question 1

Explain how the theological concepts of foretelling (prediction) and forth-telling (proclamation/announcement) are linked in the Old Testament prophetic traditions.

Question 2

Analyse the communicative strategies of either prophet Amos or Hosea as evident in their respective texts.

Question 3

Discuss internal evidence from *Second Isaiah* and *Ezekiel* that point to the probability that these two prophets were addressing a community that was in psychological distress.

Question 4

In what ways does *Song of Songs* in both its character and history of interpretation embody a strange departure from mainstream Judeo-Christian traditions?

Question 5

With reference to relevant textual context from any of the Wisdom books, demonstrate how the theological theme of divine inscrutability is presented.

Question 6

Discuss the nature of the book of Daniel as a multi-generic text from a critical-theoretical perspective.
