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RE-SIT EXAMINATION, JULY 2019**

**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 two (2) printed pages including the cover page.**
- 5. All questions carry equal marks.**

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SECTION A

Question 1

Discuss the contributions of any three biblical scholars in explaining the origins and composition of the Torah of Moses. [20]

Question 2

Critically evaluate the models advanced to explain the emergence of Israel as a nation state. [20]

Question 3

Highlight what the Pentateuch of Moses says about God's covenant with the Jewish people. [20]

Question 4

Why is Samuel one of the most important figures in the history of the Jewish peoples? [20]

SECTION B

Question 5

Should faithful Christians take their disputes before the civil courts of law? Support your view with book(s) you have studied in this course. [20]

Question 6

In what ways do the writers of the New Testament respond to the contentious admission of Gentiles as people of the covenant? [20]

Question 7

Under what circumstances Paul does say women should be allowed to prophesy in the church and what is your take of his view? [20]

Question 8

Write a critical commentary on the following extract taken from Matthew 28:1-10. [20]

28 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Mag'dalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he^[a] lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you." ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Hail!" And they came up and took hold of his

feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."
