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MAIN EXAMINATION, MAY 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

Explain the etiological function of selected narratives in the Pentateuch of Moses. [20]

Question 2

Identify and discuss the defining characteristic of the priestly writer as advanced by exponents of the documentary hypothesis. [20]

Question 3

Explain the nature of the Davidic covenant showing how it compares with other covenants. [20]

Question 4

Write critical comments on the presentation of Eve in the story of the Fall. [20]

SECTION B

Question 5

Summarise Paul's view on who are the children of Abraham from any one book you have studied in this course. [20]

Question 6

Did Jesus of Nazareth actually perform the so-called miracles attributed to him by the gospel writers? [20]

Question 7

In your view, what is it that the writer of the Revelation of John is trying to do? [20]

Question 8

Write a critical commentary on the following extract taken from John 19:38-42. [20]

³⁸ After this Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him leave. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹ Nicodemus also, who had at first come to him by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds' weight. ⁴⁰ They took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid. ⁴² So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.
