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**TITLE OF PAPER : Prophets, Protest and Hope
COURSE CODE : TRS 305
DURATION : 2 Hours**

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Choose and answer three (3) questions in all.
2. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.
3. The paper consists of three (3) printed pages including the cover page.
4. All questions carry equal marks.

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Question 1

With reference to books studied in this course, discuss the salient features of prophetic theology. [20]

Question 2

Give reasons why the prophetic institution and kingship were closely connected in ancient Israel. [20]

Question 3

What do we know about the personal lives of the prophets from the books they have written? Support your answer with at least one prophet you have studied. [20]

Question 4

Who, when and where was Jonah written and do you think the book tells us of a historical event in the life of this prophet? [20]

Question 5

What are your views on the declaration in Deuteronomy 8:22 that "... when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously, you need not be afraid of him?" [20]

Question 6

Write a critical commentary on the oracle provided below:

"Hear this word, you cows of Bashan,
who are in the mountain of Samar'ia,
who oppress the poor, who crush the needy,
who say to their husbands, 'Bring, that we may drink!'

² The Lord GOD has sworn by his holiness
that, behold, the days are coming upon you,
when they shall take you away with hooks,
even the last of you with fishhooks.

³ And you shall go out through the breaches,
every one straight before her;
and you shall be cast forth into Harmon,"
says the LORD.

⁴“Come to Bethel, and transgress;
to Gilgal, and multiply transgression;
bring your sacrifices every morning,
your tithes every three days;
⁵offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving of that which is leavened,
and proclaim freewill offerings, publish them;
for so you love to do, O people of Israel!”
says the Lord GOD. (Amos 4: 1-5, RSV). [20]
