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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

Explain the deuteronomistic ideas underlying the Books of Joshua through the Second Book of Kings. [20]

Question 2

With reference to books studied in this course, explain ways in which prophets addressed matters of their own place and time. [20]

Question 3

Why were prophets not, in most cases, accountable for the messages they delivered to the people? [20]

Question 4

In what ways were the miracles performed by Elijah or Elisha indictments of the abuse of power by the political leaders of their days? [20]

Question 5

Using any two prophetic books of your choice, explain ways in which the prophets adopted genres from other social institutions in delivering their messages. [20]

Question 6

Write a critical commentary on the passage below taken from Hosea 1:2-8. [20]

² When the LORD first spoke through Hose'a, the LORD said to Hose'a, "Go, take to yourself a wife of harlotry and have children of harlotry, for the land commits great harlotry by forsaking the LORD."³ So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Dibla'im, and she conceived and bore him a son.

⁴ And the LORD said to him, "Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel."⁵ And on that day, I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."

⁶ She conceived again and bore a daughter. And the LORD said to him, “Call her name Not pitied, for I will no more have pity on the house of Israel, to forgive them at all. ⁷ But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will deliver them by the LORD their God; I will not deliver them by bow, nor by sword, nor by war, nor by horses, nor by horsemen.”

⁸ When she had weaned Not pitied, she conceived and bore a son. ⁹ And the LORD said, “Call his name Not my people, for you are not my people and I am not your God.”^[a]