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NTBS511 MAJOR THEMES IN THE STUDY OF PENTATEUCHAL TRADITIONS

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do not write your name on the answer sheet.
2. Answer **THREE** questions.
3. Each question carries 20 marks.
4. Credit is given for neat, well written and lucid work.

1. What is the 'form critical' understanding of the term tradition? Discuss the importance of the Old Testament creation tradition(s).
2. Examine the religion of the Patriarchs as it is expressed in the Pentateuch and go on to describe its relationship with Mosaic religion.
3. What is history? Examine the current debate concerning the historicity of the Exodus.
4. Discuss Richard J. Thompson's thesis (2013) that the Deuteronomistic expression of the covenant was influenced by and a reaction to neo-Assyrian covenant models.
5. Outline and discuss the importance of the wilderness narratives to the story of the Pentateuch.
6. The formation of the Pentateuch has fascinated students of the Old Testament for a long time. Outline the history of the research of the formation of the Pentateuch.

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