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NTBS603 CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN OLD TESTAMENT INTERPRETATION**

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 24 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do not write your name on the answer sheet.
2. Answer **ONE** question.
3. Marks for each question are indicated.
4. Credit is given for neat, well written and lucid work.

1. The contemporary philosophical, social, industrial and 'new religious movements' context has brought about new opportunities and challenges for the reading and interpretation of the Old Testament.
 - a) Analyse the nature of this context; [30]
 - b) In the light your description in (a) examine the opportunities and challenges presented for the reading and interpretation of the Old Testament; [30]
 - c) Propose your own approach to the interpretation of the Old Testament applicable to this context, clearly delineating its assumptions, aims and possible 'procedures'. [40]

2. 'Theologians are interested in speaking of God in the present, while biblical scholars confine themselves to speaking of God in the past' (cf. Green, 2004).
 - a) Expose your understanding of the above claim; [20]
 - b) Examine how the theological interpretation of Scripture (TIS) proposes to address this dichotomy; [30]
 - c) With the aid of examples, demonstrate the usefulness and relevance of the theological interpretation of the Old Testament in your context. [50]

3. The Old Testament continues to be a source of normative and applied ethics for Christian communities, but with increasingly divisive conclusions and consequences.
 - a) Analyse the current position of Old Testament scholars concerning the use of the Old Testament as a source of normative and applied ethics among Christians. [40]
 - b) Discuss how the Old Testament may continue to be used as a source for ethical decisions, and how contemporary assumptions and theories of ethics maybe used in the interpretation of the Old Testament. [60]

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